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DOUG (of The BURNT) visits Pedro...South of the Border

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EARWAX

C/O HARRY BAGGS

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Well, here we are...ISSUE #7 at last! Late as usual...but what's a couple weeks huh?! With this issue, you're seeing the last of the \$1.95 price tags. Yeah, sorry to say, the labor love thing looks nice in print but doesn't do much to get the next issue out. I'm not sure what the cover price will be on #8, but I'm sure it's not gonna break anyone. Just dig a little deeper into those \$300.00 leather jackets, or have one less \$5.00 beer when you're at those \$15.00 shows. A big **THANK** to all the fine folks who've made this issue happen:

#### ARTISTS

R.K.SLOANE (cover), JEFF GAITHER, DAN AMBROSE, ERIC "MENTAL MAN" TULPPO, LARRY OBERC, RUSTY SHO SPINE, and ROGER MEJIA.

SOCIAL DECAY for the interview....BUY OUR RECORD for all the support & party nights...The BURNT, CATHARSIS, The WRETCHED, and The BLISTERS for the great shows at the HOUSE OF WAX and for bringing No.Jersey back to life; and numerous other folks who are worth getting all bent out of shape for. (you know who you are)

A hefty **FUCK YOU** to: The SHOWPLACE in Dover.....AUDIO ARM CASSETTE-ZINE for ripping me off for \$18.00....PASTOR BROTHERS and FREEDOM VILLAGE R&R DETOX CENTER....overpriced Independent record retailers (you know who you are)...overpriced promoters (we know who they are)...and the Dick-For-Brains who tapped my phone conversation. (I know who you are!)

Till next issue...support your scene, communicate and have safe sex.

HARRY BAGGS/ed



MORE TUNES FROM  
THE

HOUSE

CATHARSIS

MECHANICAL BRIDE

WRETCHED

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The next couple pages show some pics from two show/parties we've had here at the House of Wax. One in November, the other in December. and a good time was had by all!

**CATHARSIS** are one of the more original bands to hit the Jersey front in a long time. Their sound is hard to describe in words that would do it justice. Woven guitar psychedelics in a poetic growl that attach to the fun side of our miseries. (how's that?) Their set hit upon many of the songs from their fine demo, and a few new numbers. One lengthy tune, (I didn't catch the name) skirted territories similar to the DOORS "The End" with KEN TARBOUS's distinctive voice and bonechilling lyrics scratching a drugland nightmare over JEFF WOHR's snakey riffs BRrrrrrr! Great winter music.



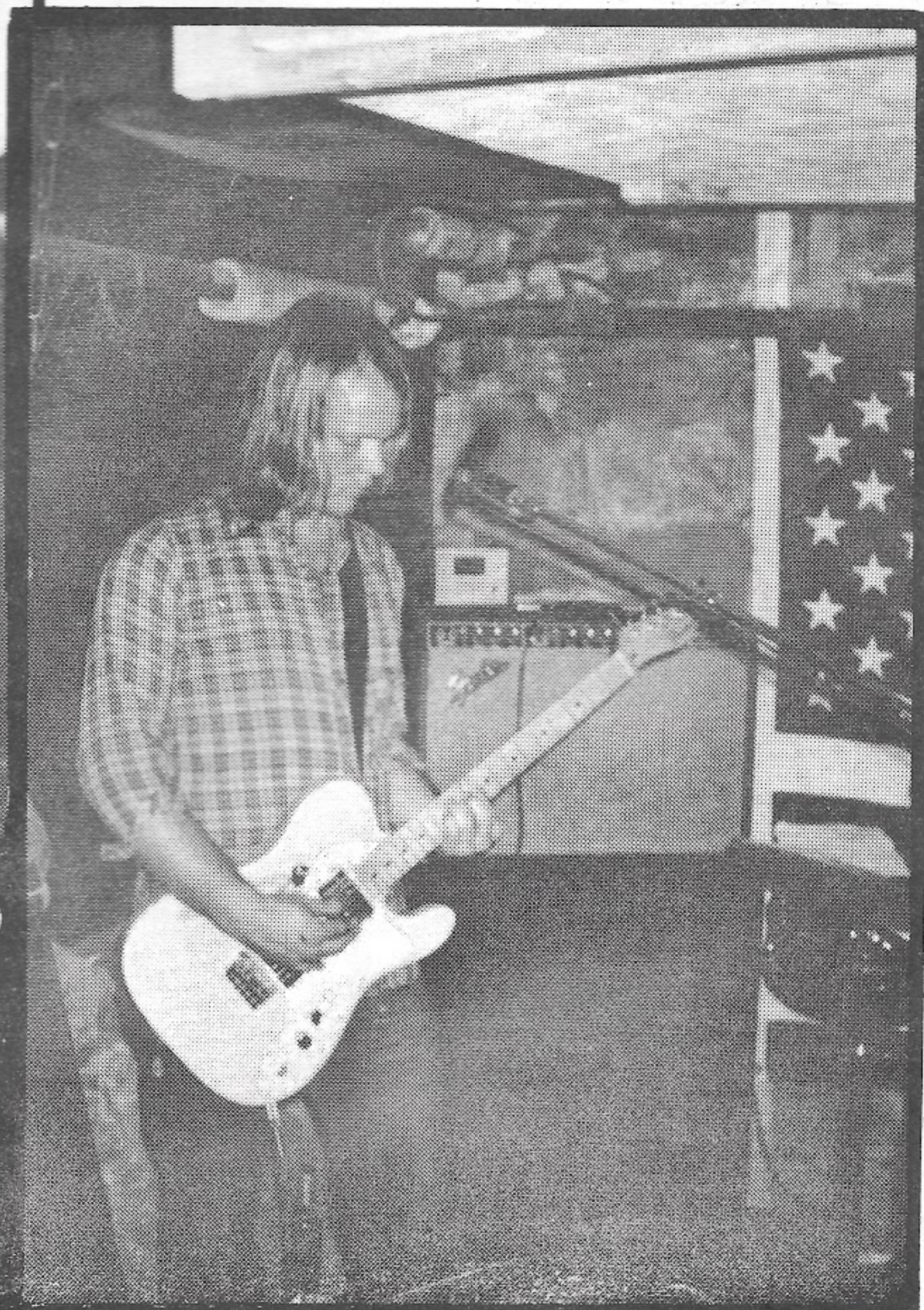
CATHARSIS

Ken Tarbous - gtr/L.voc.

Jeff Woehr - gtr/voc

Charles Applegate - drums

Michael Miksis - bass/voc







## IN COLOR NME

I caught a set by **IN COLOR** way back in October 86' at KENNY'S CASTAWAYS; pristine Power-Pop that brings the RASPBERRIES to mind.... plenty of ringing chords pitched slightly below HOLLIES-ish harmonies along not-quite-your-standard melodies. A very tight set of original caste tunes, highlighted by gems like "Ordinary Guy"....from an upcoming EP, and "Liar"....from an earlier EP (? Records, 1984). Though these 2 songs are my personal faves of the lot, a number of others in the same structural vicinity attest to guitarist/vocalist BUTCH JUSTIN's ability to write some real good material. A few Rock-ier tunes in the set were kinda run-of-the-mill, including a so-so rehash of David Essex's "Rock On" (which I cant figure why anyone would want to cover).

### IN COLOR ARE:

BUTCH JUSTIN....Guitar/Vocals  
NICK CELESTE....Guitar/Vocals  
TOM MALONEY....L.Guitar/Vocals  
RON BRANDES....Bass  
CHARLIE TAPPAN....Drums  
The EP they're working on at the moment, is being produced by Richard Barone of BONGOS fame. Later....in November, IN COLOR were to play here at the House Of Wax, but due to a time lapse in Wayne certain members in the group were unavailable.

IN COLOR's busy drummer, CHARLIE TAPPAN also skins for **N.M.E.** and **NEW INNOCENCE**. Not wanting to be left out of the fun, Charlie brought a newly reformed N.M.E. to the house, to crank out a few tunes.

### N.M.E. ARE:

CHARLIE TAPPAN....Drums  
JEFF NORMAN....Guitar/Vocals  
JIM SWAN....Bass  
Kinda progressive Pop with no commercial potential,...but I get the feeling that that's how they like it. Guitarist Jeff Norman was at one time a member of IN COLOR. He left the group in 1985 due to disputes in priority of material, but continued to play with drummer Charlie tappan as N.M.E.

### ADDRESSES

**IN COLOR**  
72 Linden Rd.  
Wayne, NJ. 07470

**N.M.E.**  
55 Harrison Rd.  
Wayne, NJ. 07470

**NEW INNOCENCE**  
1018 McBride Ave.  
West Paterson, NJ. 07424

Together they released a 7" on DIANE RECORDS ("Lonley Boy"/"Mr D") and in 87' plan to release another disc.

The set they performed at the house this night was....uh..."loose", (to say the least) but one had to take into consideration that they had only "re-formed" a mere 2 hours before they showed up, and N.M.E.'s material is of a complex nature that rules out the "throw it together" incident that, in most cases, Rock & Roll often benefits by. In this case, it led to a set that only hinted at potential. There's a minimalist sophistication to N.M.E.'s material that's as dry as a **SOFT MACHINE** recording and wearies a Rock groove. Of the 5 songs they played, it wasn't until their 4th song "Planet Motivation" that N.M.E. kicked into gear. Solidly slung around a 2 chord campaign, Jeff finally joined the rest of the band and had a chance to exhibit his distinctive axemanship. At this point, it "worked" as the simple R&R vehicle provided room to have FUN without the worry of messing up your parts. And that's what it's all about folks!

Criticisms aside, N.M.E. make an interesting trio worthy of both ears. I look forward to hearing from them in the future.

## NEW INNOCENCE

**NEW INNOCENCE** on the other hand, are a horse of a completely different flavor. Here the machined bolts of N.M.E. and the starched collar of IN COLOR are replaced by paper clips and a cotton Tee-shirt. Folk-Rock, very similar to R.E.M. that's like a breath of fresh air compared to the controlled enviroment of the fore-mentioned groups. CHARLIE TAPPAN still manages to sneak in some of those fills that would rather follow a laser light show at the Byrne Arena than the paper-clip-rigged lightbulb in a suburban basement, but for the most part N.I. have a comfortable grip on the style of their intent.

### NEW INNOCENCE ARE:

PAUL KAYE....Guitar/Vocals  
TRACY STRAKA....Bass  
BOB BOUDREAU....L.Guitar/Vocals  
CHARLIE TAPPAN....Drums  
They have a 4 song demo that they sent me....part of a project for GRANITE RECORDS to eventually surface as an LP. I really enjoyed the musical atmosphere N.I. creates by way of an easy energy applied to the timeless character of good songwriting. Of the 4, "Smoke Filled Rooms" did it's best to drive me nuts,...and it did! A lot of people are showing signs of drowsiness to the R.E.M. clone-zone ...rightfully so in some instances, but when it's executed with conscientious care and good taste, I find no reason to "file it" so quickly. Hopefully **NEW INNOCENCE's** LP release will catch your attention. The indications are good.

# Kenny's Castaways



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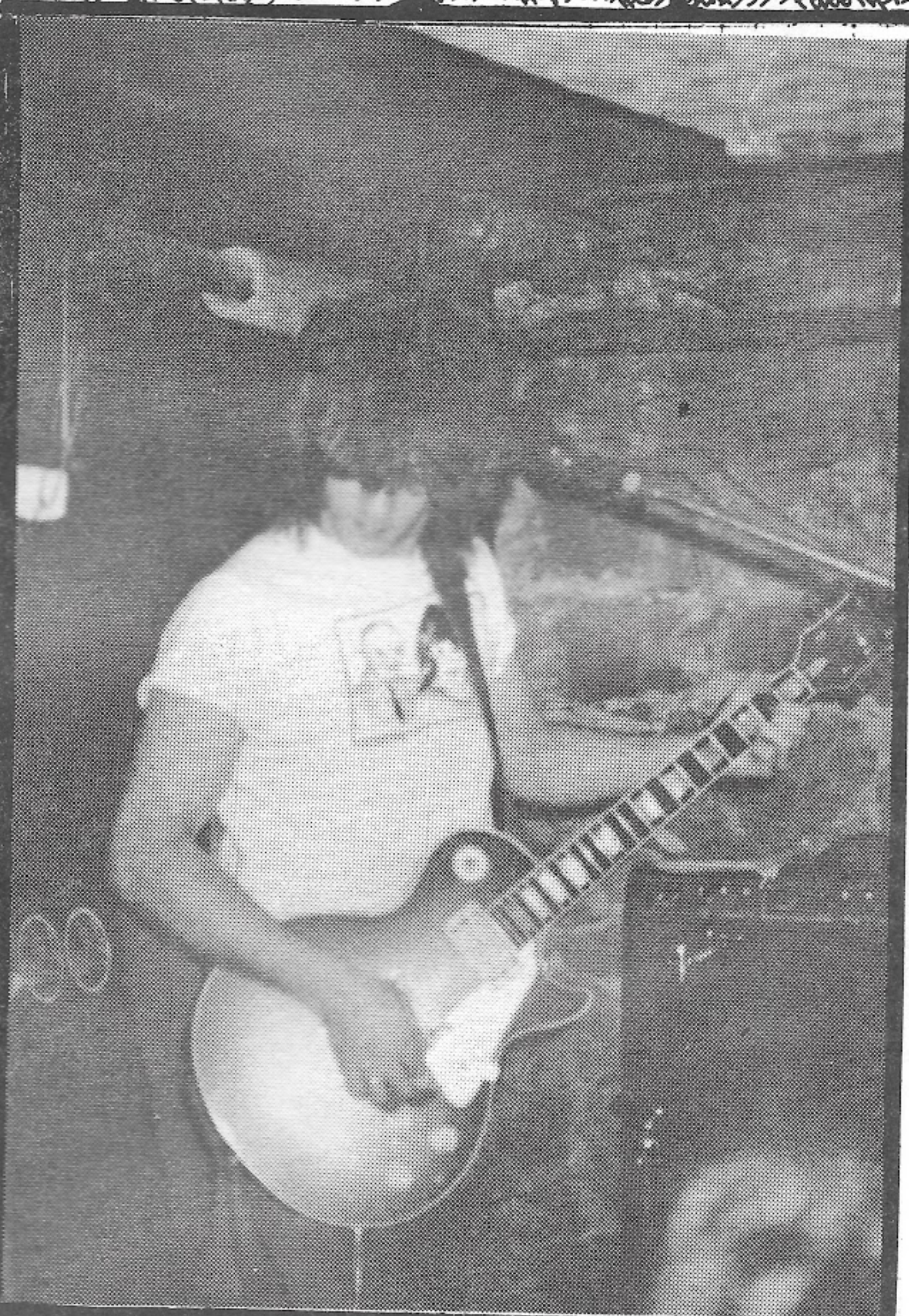
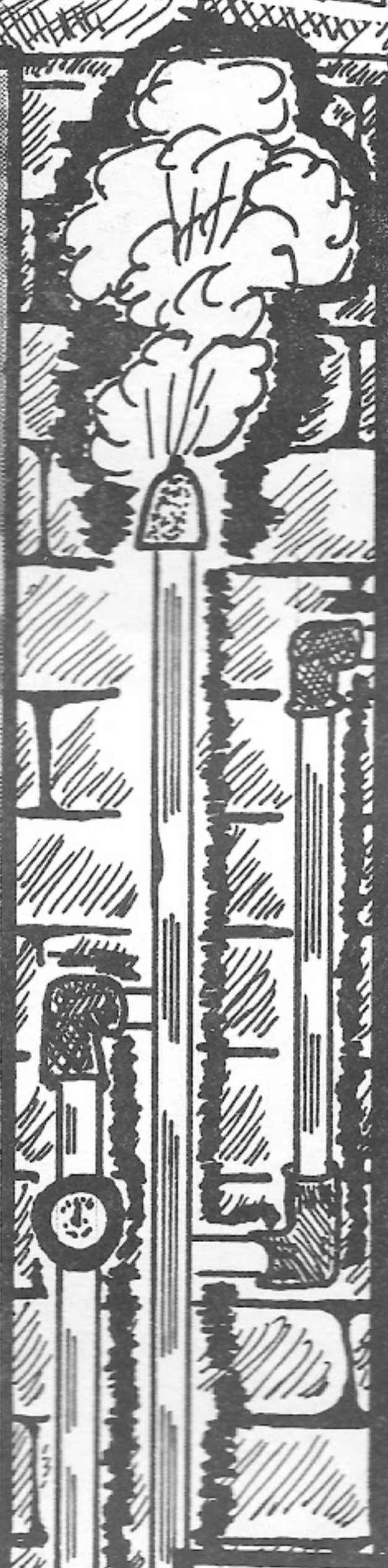
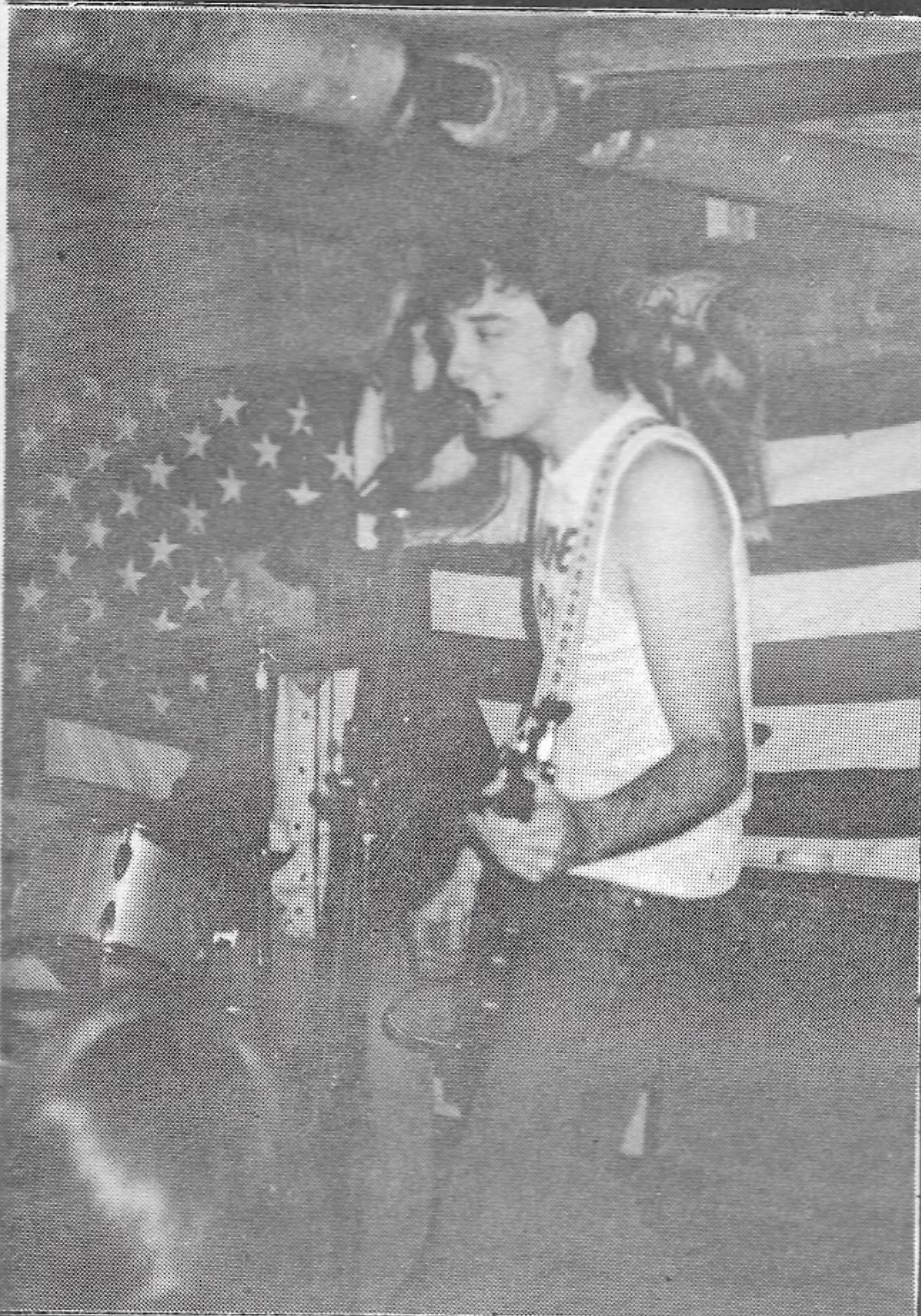
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# THE BLISTERS



Also on hand for the Dec. party... THE BLISTERS cruised their way thru 2 sets of original sounding Punk Rock that took no particular mind to what Punk is or is not. What we got here is high energy R&R, skillfully executed, but never out of sight of the garage that spawned it.

**THE BLISTERS ARE:**  
 NITTI BAHR...Bass/L.voc.  
 DENNIS MARION...Guitar/voc.  
 BILL KLEEMEYER...Drums/voc.

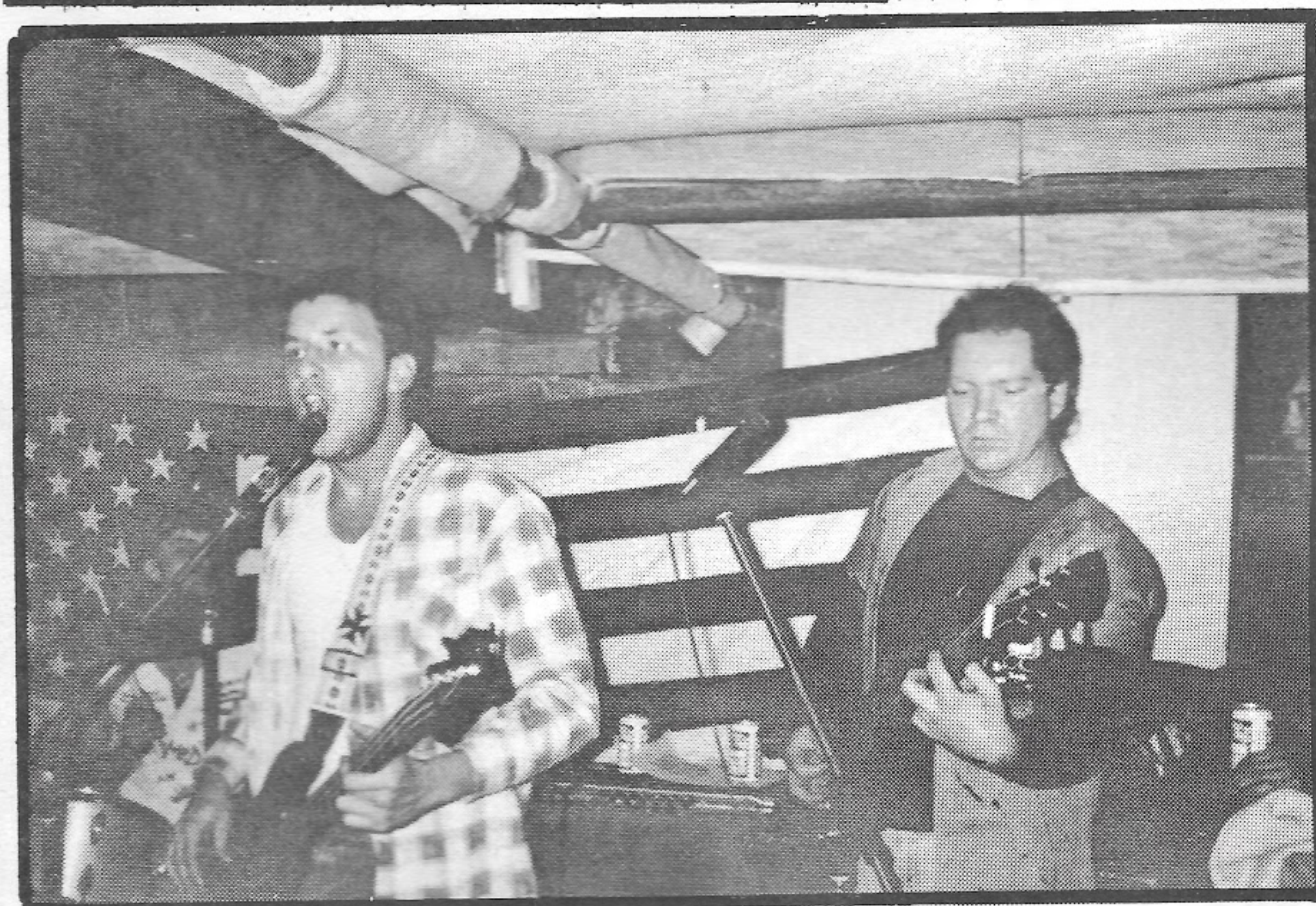
Some 17 songs later, everyone was very excited about this group. Their performance was as cool as a new pair of socks yet as intoxicating as the afternoon it's self. The songs have nifty arrangements that keep ya on edge and simple, everyday lyrics that won't fall out of your pocket. Not a low point in the evening, but I dug "My Room" and a way Hee-Haw "Hick Picnic" especially cool. Their demo is \$3.00, and HOT! P.O. Box 31, NEW VERNON, NJ. 07976






# MECHANICAL BRIDE

MECHANICAL BRIDE did a set of Punkadelic originals from their demo. Seemed to be well recieved. They are working on a new demo now, and you can write for info care of EARWAX.

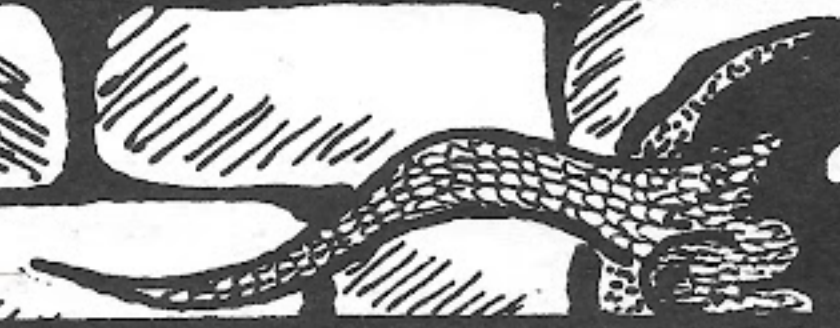



# THE WRETCHED



PUNK'S ALIVE IN NJ!!! and the WRETCHED are one of the reasons. The photos on this page are from Dec's party where they played 2 sets of classic early Punk barkers; a nice mix of tunes from their demo, and jaded covers like "Pretty Vacant" and "Born To Lose" along with a brave rendition of "Pipeline" that demonstrated when the last time the boys have been to the beach..... You want Punk Rock?...You got it! This gig turned out to be guitarist SAD CASE's (hmmmm) swan song, but the WRETCHED have been playing out with various sit-ins since. They have a new demo available that will satisfy anyones taste for Brit-influenced Punk and urban decadence. "Come On Baby" stands out as prime skew, but there's not a weak spot throughout.

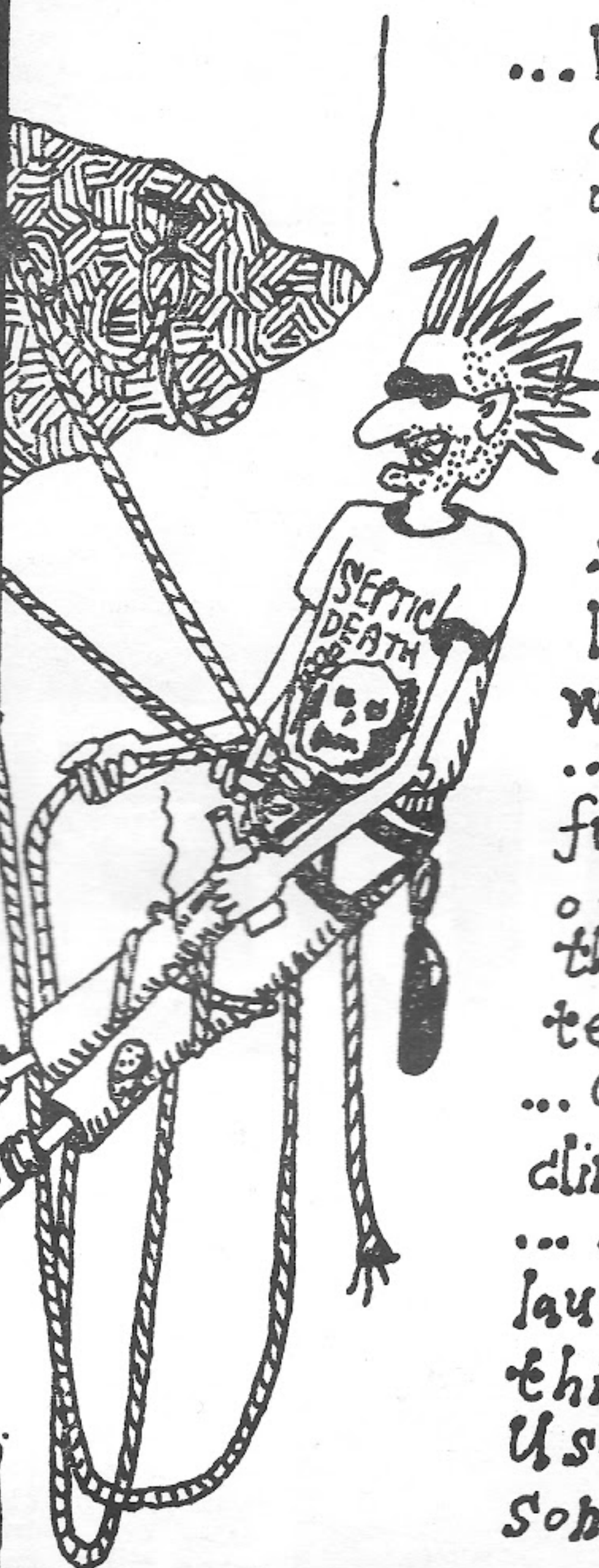
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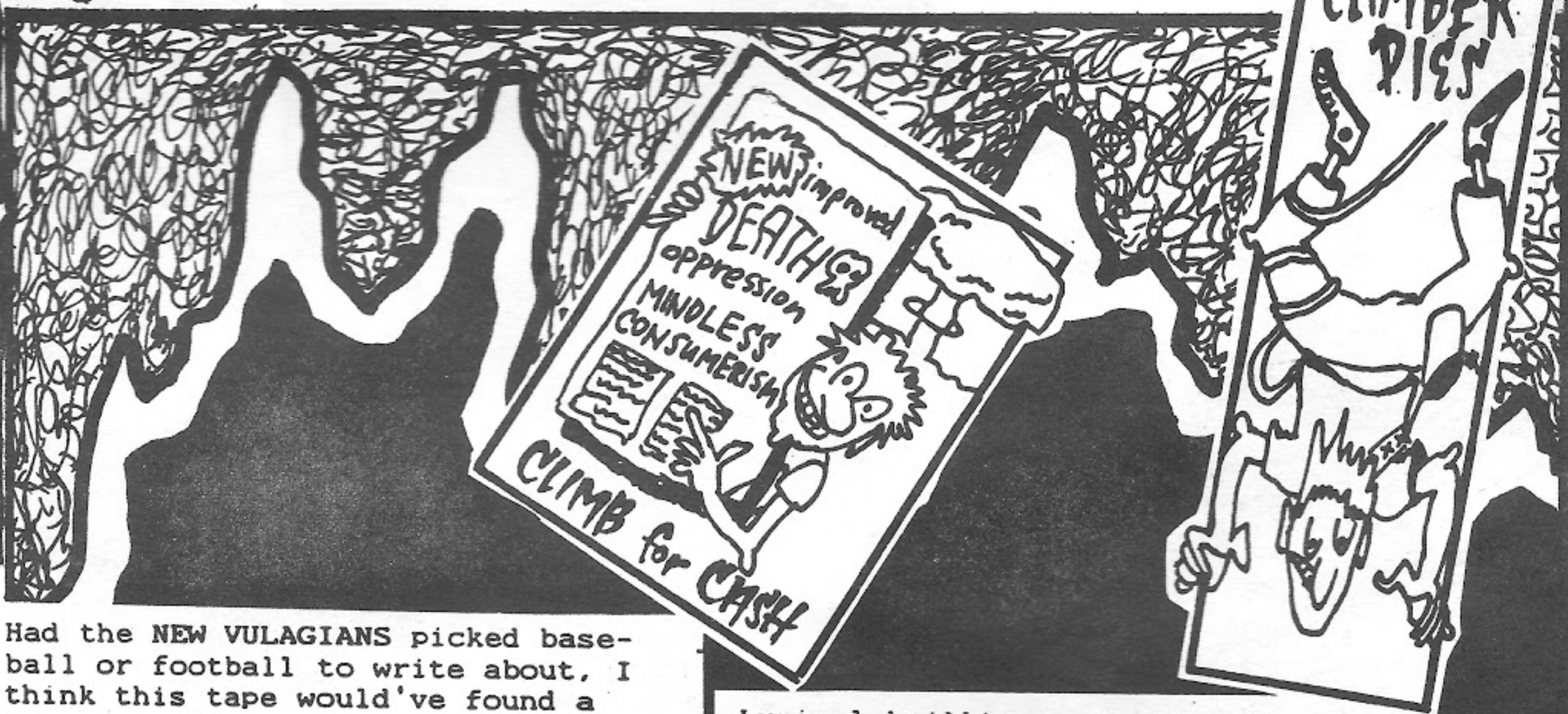




As Mr anti-sports, I must admit I do have one athletic passion,, I like to climb rocks. What makes me want to leave the security of Bud & TV and hang from a piece of nylon some 100+ ft. above serious head-bashing?? Well, I guess I could go into 3 pages of heavy-duty mind crap of the "Freedom of the Hills" variety...but when I sent for this tape, I wrote a little on how I liked to climb & why, and JIM MACLEAN/ACE BAILER (NEW VULGARIANS/SEWER TROUT) wrote me back in words that kinda explain it better: "I'm glad to hear you've emerged from your piss-smelt basement long enough to savor the joys of climbing. Most punks around here pride themselves in developing that sallow psuedo-junkie look that the rest of us are so fucking bored of, and it's quite a relief to know that someone can admitt to enjoying nature as much as lurking in dark alleyways and murky nightclubs".



...Where'd I get these green climbing shoes?...picked 'em up in Guatemala last year... yeah, i'm talking BIG walls, jungle bouldering—you name it—sorta like Rio...Gotta camouflage your gear or the damn death squads'll pick you off the rock like a rat...Small arms, artillery, whatever else they can get hold of... Bastards cut my hair all funny—thought I was some kind of Commie rebel... "Tattooed on the side of the head" is how they tell Commies down there, they said... Got some local boys down there climb 5.12... barefoot, solo, no chalk... Show up with a rope they laugh at you... Anyway... Say, think I can borrow some chalk? Used mine up in El Salvador on some hairy friction....



Had the NEW VULAGIANS picked baseball or football to write about, I think this tape would've found a larger audience. In the midst of the revolution, there's a slice of JOCK in every would-be anarchist. Climbing hasn't hit mega-public super status...yet. Tho, among it's own ranks the politics of the climbing community are certainly just as self-conscious, corrupt, power-hungry, and ego-fed as any unit of interest in the world community. To which, ACE again replies: "Our mission: to encourage subversion and decadence of climbers everywhere, and to replace skateboarding as the official "punk olympic" sport." If you do know anything about climbing.....this tape is a breath of fresh air in a continuum of beer-guzzling macho-MEN (who like to wear spandex pants) and fat-headed power climbers who are more interested in the #s, than the climb.

Lyrical brilliance, set inside the coolest garage-Punk & Roll. This tape seems to have been recorded over the course of 1-2 cases of beer, as the tunes get sloppier.... (read: more fun), and the belches get louder between tracks as it goes on. It reminds me a lot of the LARRIES with it's easy cool and sharp humor. Serious fun! While the N.V. are kinda the special interest group, the SEWER TROUT are the working band. They're starting to do a lot of CA shows and it won't be long till they're a popular item. Thier side of this cassette sounds similar, but I had to listen to it without hearing the N.V. side first to really appreciate it. More familiar Punk themes...a "Cool Ranch" crunch, and the same knucklehead humor. A great tape, on or off the rocks.



# SOCIAL DECAY

## SCARED YOUTH

WHY MUST A 9 YEAR OLD WONDER WHY  
BOMBS MIGHT SOMEDAY FALL FROM THE SKY  
AND WHY MUST A 9 YEAR OLD WONDER WHY  
WILL HE GET THE CHANCE TO LIVE BEFORE HE DIES  
SCARED YOUTH IN A SCARED SOCIETY  
SCARED YOUTH HIDDEN IN ALL, YOU AND ME  
WHY MUST THEY WONDER WILL IT HAPPEN TO ME  
THE YOUTH IS THE FUTURE THEY CAN'T SEE  
SCARED YOUTH / SCARED YOUTH

At the time of this interview  
SOCIAL DECAY were:

TOM-Guitar  
JOE-Drums

STEVE-Bass  
PUGS-vocals

Since the interview, they have replaced their drummer, and after a short setback, are back to work. They have a 15 song demo available that aptly illustrates why SOCIAL DECAY are among South-Jersey's prime cuts. Their music is powerful and aware, but takes no backseat to fun. Write SOCIAL DECAY at: P.O. box 267/Island Heights, NJ. 08732. Their demo is \$4.00



## WHAT IS "SOCIAL DECAY"?

SOCIAL DECAY is an outlet for our feelings and point of views. It is a way to express ourselves, a way to let off steam, and have fun at the same time.

## IS THERE A SHARED CONCEPT OR IDEA THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO EXPRESS THRU THE BAND?

We just write about things that bother us or make us uneasy. We all pretty much feel the same about the things we write about, so I guess you could say that we all share the same idea, which basically is that life is pretty gloomy and certain things in life really suck.

## WHY HARDCORE? IS THIS A DELIBERATE DIRECTION, OR JUST THE WAY THINGS FELL INTO PLACE?

A little of both. I mean, we wanted to play what we want to hear. So we played just that. It just happens to be that we all like HC; but as we play together more, our music changes a bit. Like when we first started out we weren't playing real fast. It was more of a Punk sound. But as the band progressed, so did our music. So we're just playing the music we like.







**WHO WRITES THE LYRICS FOR YOUR SONGS?**

I've written most of the lyrics, (Tom). Our old bass player/singer, Steve wrote a few. The band is starting to write together now since we have 2 new members.

**MOST OF THE SONGS ON THE DEMO SEEM TO BE DEATH RELATED. ARE YOU REALLY "SCARED YOUTH"? DO YOU THINK DEATH IS FEARED BY YOUTH TODAY, OR JUST TOYED WITH AS A POPULAR TOPIC? ARE THE SONGS ON THE NEW DEMO AS DEATH ORIENTATED?**

We're not so much "Scared Youth", as we are concerned. We know the threat is there. It might not show but it's tucked inside everyone's head. I think youth fears death. I think that's why it's such a popular subject. Because it's something that's going to happen to us all. We've almost all felt the effects of death in one way or another. And yes, our new demo will deal with death, but not exclusively. We write about many other things too!

**THE SONG "TOO YOUNG TO DIE" IS ABOUT A FRIEND THAT COMMITTED SUICIDE. AT A RECENT SHOW, YOU SAID THAT IT WAS OVER A GIRL. WHY DO YOU THINK IT IS, THAT A GIRL, OR SIMILAR FACTORS, COULD LEAD TO SUCH A SAD END?**

It wasn't so much the girl. It was just that when this girl broke it off with him, it was the straw that broke the camel's back. I mean the kid was very confused. No one cared about him...well everybody did, but he needed to be shown more than he was. The reasons these things happen are too complicated, but everyone has thought about suicide. Some people can't handle things that well. My friend just happened to be one of those people.



**YOU'VE HEARD RELIGIOUS POSERS AND SOCIAL SAINTS CONDEMN R&R AS BEING "MURDER MUSIC"; HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THIS? IS ROCK GETTING TOO NEGATIVE? DO YOU THINK IT HAS A DESTRUCTIVE INFLUENCE ON YOUTH?**

I think it's all just shit. A bunch of crap. I mean, what's wrong about writing about stuff you believe in? Who are they to tell me what to say, think, or do? Fuck them! You have the choice to listen to what you want. If you don't like a band for what they sing about, don't buy their record or see their shows...simple as that. As far as being too negative,, some things ARE negative. That's life! Change society and maybe things wouldn't be so negative. But I don't really think it has a destructive effect on youth. Kids are smart enough to know what's going on; what's real and what's not, and how things really are. How can facts of life be destructive?

**WHAT'S THE LOCAL REACTION TO SOCIAL DECAY BEEN LIKE? WHAT DO YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY FEEL ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE DOING?**

The local reaction has been really great. It just took a long time for us to get exposed. I mean we've been together for 2 years and nobody knew who we were, but things are going great now. And as for our friends and families, if it wasn't for them we wouldn't have gotten this far. Our friends have helped so much, as far as the band goes, with support, rides, money...everything.

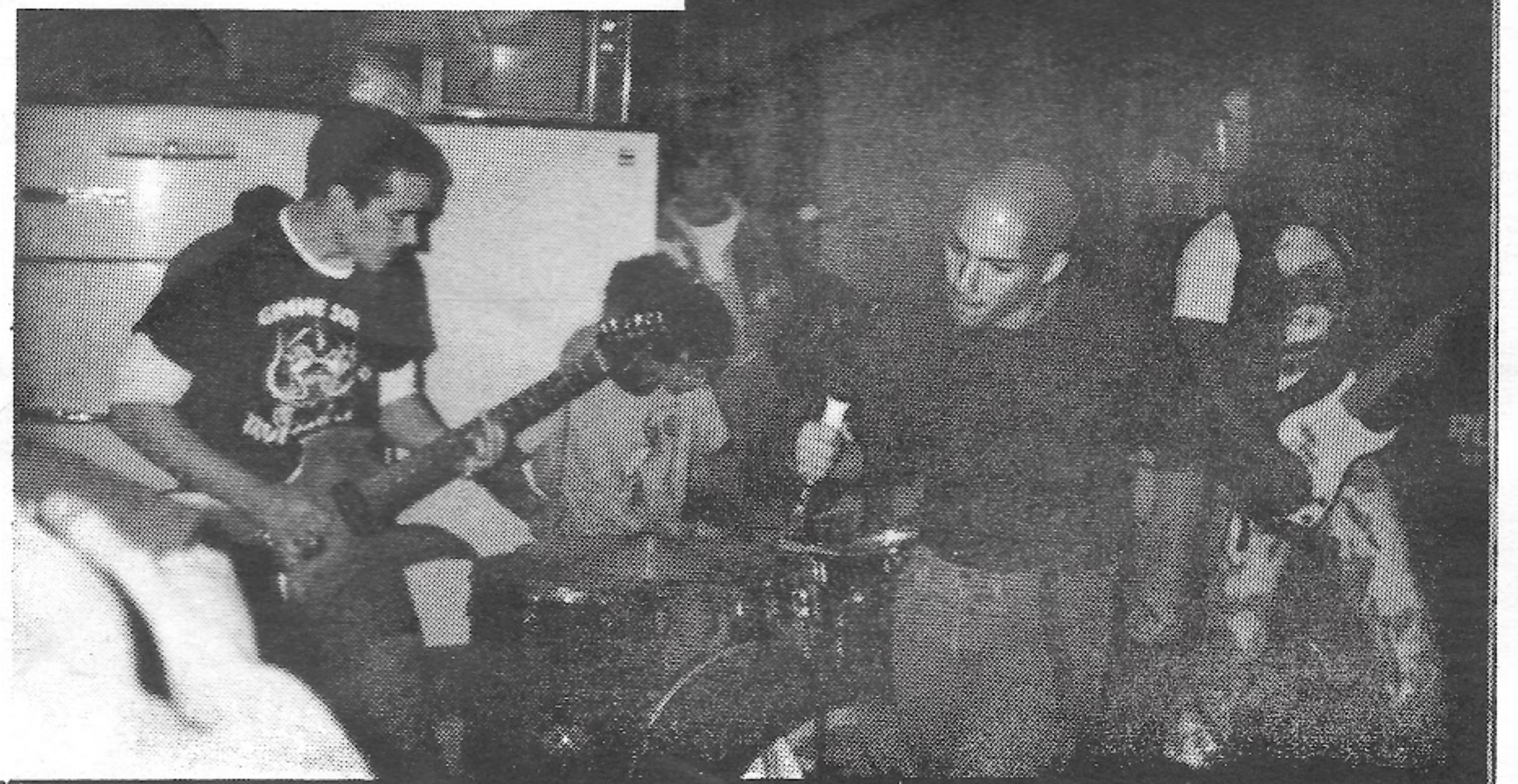
**QUESTION FOR PUGS...**

**IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A SINGER FOR A HARDCORE BAND AND SAY, THE LEAD SINGER IN A POP OR HM BAND? DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF A SINGER IN THAT SENSE? WHAT DO YOU HOPE AN AUDIENCE LEAVES THE HALL WITH AFTER SEEING SOCIAL DECAY?**

PUGS: Yes, there is a difference being a Hardcore singer, just because the music is so much different,,and yes, I would consider myself a singer. When people leave a hall after seeing us, I would like them to walk away with maybe a new outlook on a few things and have them say they had a good time. Hopefully they'll like what they see and hear.

**WHAT'S IN THE FUTURE FOR SOCIAL DECAY?**

Hopefully to keep playing live. Maybe a tour and a record. Keep doing the things we like to do, and just have fun. Just trying to get the band exposed to other areas other than NJ, NY, and PA. Our new demo will be out in early 87'. Other than that, we just take things one day at a time.





# BAD NEWS

## PUNCTURE



ARTISTS AND WRITERS UNDERGROUND  
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**JAN. 28, 1987** **ABC-NO RIO/N.Y.C.**  
This event was sponsored by the APRC and The Artist & Writers Underground. It was a **PUNCTURE** celebration: which is "The fusion of Punk attitudes and xperimental forms"... this evening, by way of film, poetry, and music. It was put together by Robert Z (BAD NEWS & **SELECTED OOZE** zines) with the help of a handfull in the NY-NJ Alternative community and about 7 layers of clothing. While the ART-ic weather conditions outside produced it's own anarchy, the ART-ist climate in this cement igloo provided a balmy vacation from the norm.  
Sorry...I'm a little sketchy on names, so bare with me....A film entitled "Bloody Stump", the gist of which pretty much escaped me, started with some poor dirge rollin about the floor with a bottle, and somehow drifted into a Gumby-like toy soldier battle sequence. It got a few laughs, but I think most folks were in the same cloud of mystery as I was, and whatever point was intended slipped by unnoticed.  
after which, **NEW REPUBLIC** played. They're from Park Ridge, NJ. I had recieved a demo cassette from this wild bunch earlier that week (entitled:"Good Missles, Good Manners, Good Night"), which I really dug, so I was glad to get a chance to see them play. They played their set with a new **DRUMMER** (didn't get the name), and vocalist **BRENDEN O'BLIVION** shared spots with a guest vocalist (who's name I didn't get either).....

At any rate...their material is an interesting blend of noise, Hardcore, R&R, and theatrics charged by razor sharp lyrics and Brenden's cathartic performance. For adding the new **DRUMMER** just that afternoon, they played a very tight and enjoyable set with narry a slump. Their demo is just as enjoyable and eclectic. One tune ("Terminal Dudes") even has a bugle solo in it! Good tunes, a good band & a wry sense of humor ya gotta love. Write to **NEW REPUBLIC** at:  
**P.O. box 474/Park Ridge, NJ. 07656**  
There were several poets reading this evening, the only ones I was familiar with being **DAVID HUBERMAN**, and **DONNY THE PUNK**. As would be expected, it seemed to be accepted by some, and harrassed by others. I kinda drifted in and out of the words....many of which can be found in the pages of **BAD NEWS** and **SELECTED OOZE**.  
**BAD NEWS #5** is available now for \$1.50 to the address above. It's an exciting explosion of Punk thought and expression thru words, art, and music. There's poetry by **DAVE HUBERMAN**, **BOB PARODY**, **BOB Z**, and many others; mind expanding artwork by folks like **LARRY OBERC**, **JOHN EBERLY**, and the visual pyrotechnics of **BOB Z's** layouts; and interviews with **URGENT FURY**, **THE DICKIES**, **ED GEINS CAR**, to name a few; and lots of good reading to satisfy the anarchist mynd. Look for **BAD NEWS #6** in March, which will have an article on this show also.

**SELECTED OOZE #3** just came out.... and it's more dedicated to literary expression accompanied by many talented artists sketches. Many of the names mentioned above are featured along with others like; **SUE COMPO**, **JOHN GREY**, **ED McGRATH** as a small example. There's politics, insight, love & sex, and even a little humor (**RONALD NETHERTON-JOHNSON's** "Three Views Of Mt.Hood From Albina" is a classic!)  
**SELECTED OOZE** is \$2.00, again from the address above. If you're an artist or writer, submissions are always welcome. This is a very cool publication put together with a lot of consideration to it's contents.  
While I'm in the neighborhood.... I'd like to mention **D.A.** and **SMASH APATHY FANZINE**. He's done a lot to help BOB put on these events. Wether working the door or just supporting the artists, we're talking dedication to promote a self-supporting scene for alternative thinking people to express themselves without the \$\$\$\$\$\$-mechanism as their only motivation. **SMASH APATHY #8** is out now, and it's DA's best! Those of you who are familiar with S.A. are (or should be) aware of it's flood of anarchist thought & information. Yes, there's interviews, reviews, etc....but the real meat comes in the assemblage of writeings and snipped articles that point to a new consciousness for free thinking people. (like you...right!?)  
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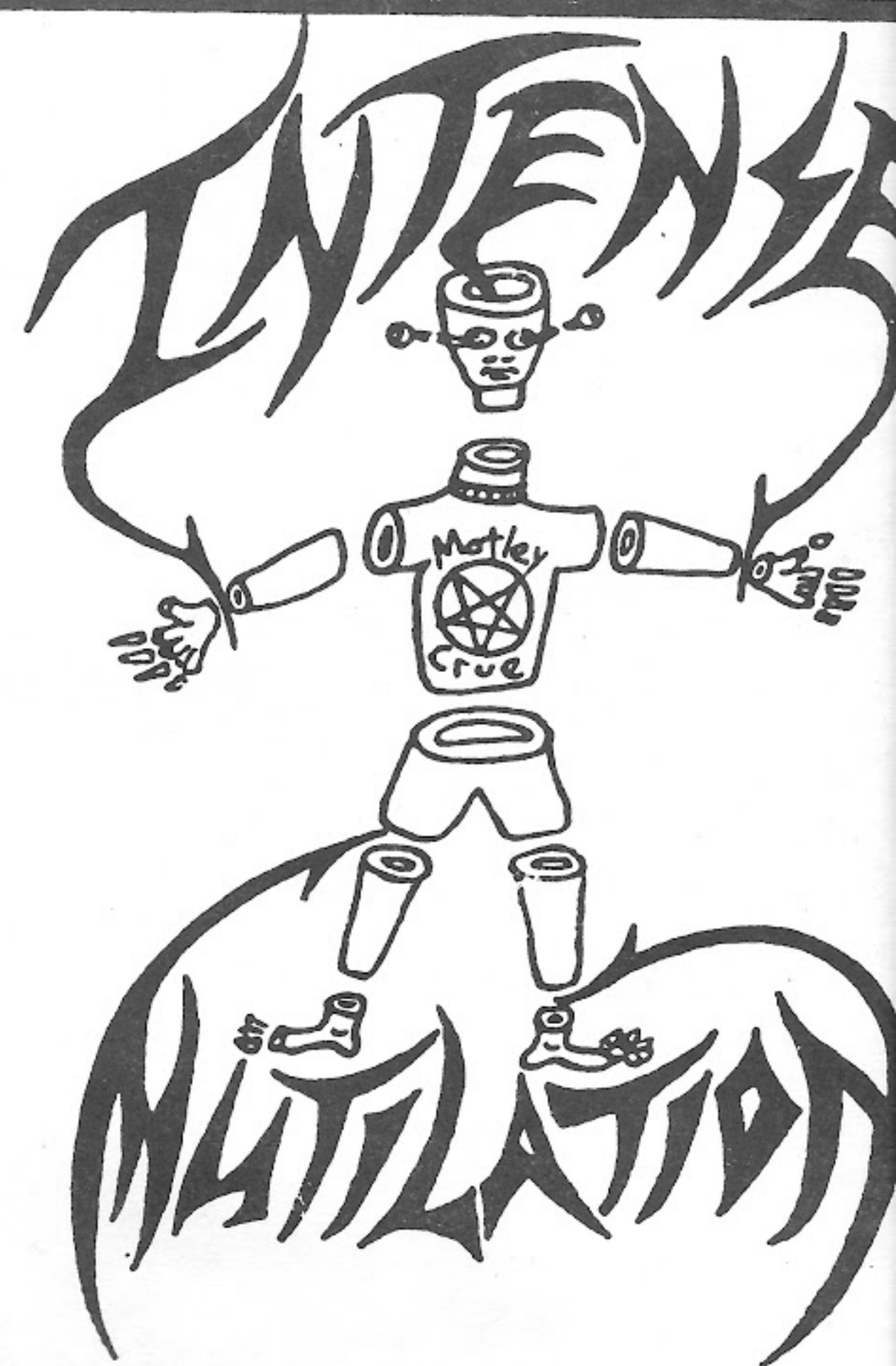
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# INTENSE MUTILATION

OR...escapees from Col.Sanders  
urban dude ranch???

LEEWAY

ENFORCER

Here's a couple of tapes that are in no way related..but in the interest of bad taste, I figured I'd lump em' together.  
LEEWAY's "Enforcer" tape is pretty much your basic Thrash/Metal, balls-to-the-wall headbanger. I liked this tape a lot more the first

time I listened to it. After that, it just reminded me of a dozen others in the same vein. Not being a big fan of Power-Metal, the standard HM signatures had me snoozing in no time. Better than some...following others..know what I mean? I did find the 2 live cuts more ambitious, so I'll reserve further judgement till I get a chance to see them live. From what I hear, they're killer material. Lyrics are better than average for this genre...but nothing I'd rather hear from a more interesting band. \$3.00 ppd To: 33-03 143rd ST. Flushing, NY. 11354

# SUBMARINE LOVERS

4 song demo here...wave-Pop with a funky/jazzy feel to it. The kind of stuff you can hear at Kenny's Castaways. Nice sounding stuff for yuppie layovers. Kinda reminds me of IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY. Hey...there's a place for everything.

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MURPHY'S LAW DEBUT LP.  
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Gotta admitt....I didn't expect to find sense of humor on this disc, especially from a NY band. Not that NY bands come un-equipped with funnybones, but I have this unsettling vision of being circled by 20-30 street-wise gorillas telling me.."You WILL have fun".  
The MURPHY'S LAW debut LP is fun, tho..in a rather careless way (ie. "if anything can happen...it will") (clever huh ?!) There's some heavy-duty stuff here too pushed along on Pro-American wheels. I would imagine that friends and fans take it with a "love it (em') or leave it (em') stride, the same way you either enter the slam pit,,or you don't. But if you do,,expect the hard knocks.  
Musically; this is Hardcore. It's good HC that thunders with precision when it has to ("Care Bear"), Hee-Haws with reckless disregard ("Fun"), and cranks some flash ("Beer") when need be. The production is top-notch, as is the performance. And the vinyl is a beautiful clear green! (Wow huh !?) There really isn't a weak spot on the LP ('cept maybe a pretty "duh" "Wahoo Day"), Gotta check out ALEX MORRIS's way cool cover!



# ROSE SHADOWS



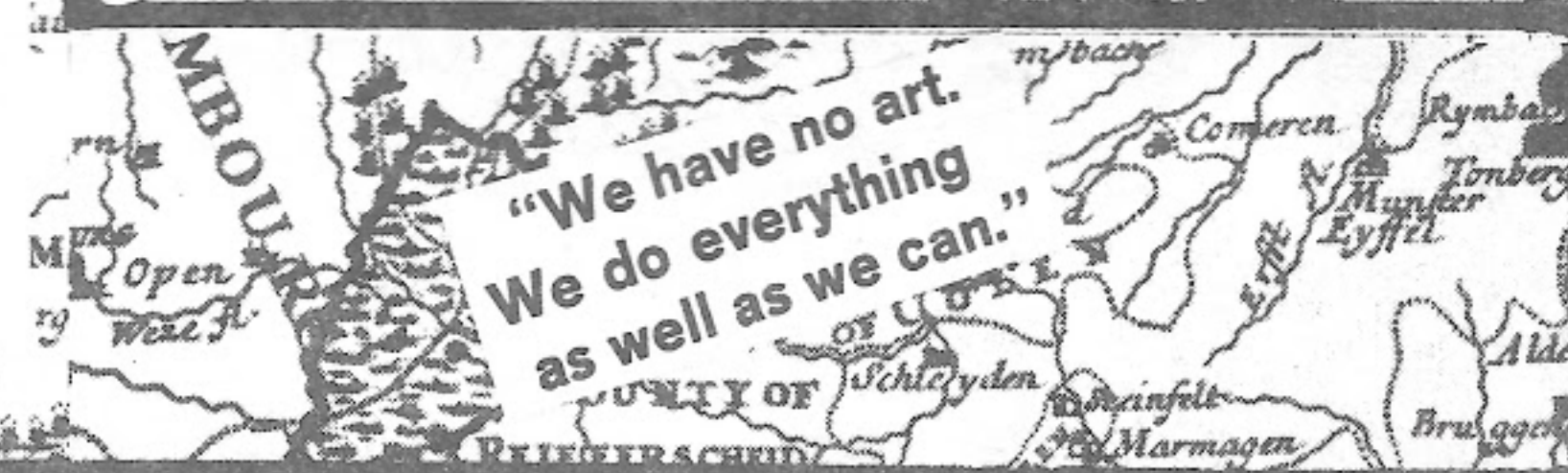
Another band who's sound is a bit hard to describe. All sorts of images and influences come to mind. ROSE SHADOWS is sorta Hybrid R&R with a brave lead.

Fronting this band is SCOTT "DINO" EVERETT, formerly of NOISE FOR THE NEEDY who's LP I neglected to review a couple issues back but remains in my "PLAY" pile.

Guitarist PERRY LOWE is also an ex-N/F/N-er, so it's no wonder that I find many of the same likeable qualities illuminating ROSE SHADOWS. GREG RAMSEY (drums) and JIM SPARK (bass), formerly of Philly's

GUTCART, must've gotten the same impressions, as they've relocated in the Disney zone to round out the band. I can't pin down any readily available point of reference, but some of their "rockier" material, like the tape's opener "Our Banner Will Bleed" kinda remind me of the MC5. It's blazing R&R that's catchy and driven. Other distinguishing items come to mind along with PERRY's electrifying fuzzed-out licks much akin to YARD TRAUMA. DINO's lyrics are about as passionate as a thorn in an isolation tank. They leave you with do-or-die decisions, urgent as the music they surround.

8 songs on this well recorded and performed tape that should get ROSE SHADOWS the attention they deserve. If you enjoy being pleasantly disturbed...only \$1.50 to: P.O. box 19959/Orlando, FLA. 32814



Boy, could I have a field day rippin' into this slab of shit. Any regular reader of EARWAX knows by now how I feel about this spooky-evil-horror-CORE crap. The only saving grace (and the only reason it made it past the first track) is a fairly straight forward HM music that hammers away throughout. It's an older (early 70's) Metal that I've always had a warm spot for, and not inconsiderately buried under the usual moronic haunted house production. Unfortunately you have to ignore the one-dimensional rantings of some clown called MARK DEAD to enjoy the good stuff. I guess what irks me the most about this zero is that I KNOW he's got an audience somewhere out there, that actually eats up this kind of thing. You know who you are. You're called "The Young and the Frustrated" (no connection intended to the comix of the same name, but they conjure up mutual feelings) Closet cases, that, quite frankly, need a good fuck! You know, they cry after they masturbate and pray for forgiveness. Grow the fuck up! Sorry bub, PLEASE..don't send me any more of this stupidity. My apologies to the band...they can do better.

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# PRONG

SINNER

Self described as: N.Y.C. THRASH-CORE with elements of Metal and Noise for taste, I'd have to agree after listening to this very athletic 7 song cassette. Featuring ex-members of such highly regarded bands as DAMAGE and SWANS, you know those promises aren't to be taken lightly...and they're not. This tape cooks from note 1. Precision route finding in a Punk wilderness. Lazy-boys best wait till they put in the Interstate cause there's no rest stops along the way. It's undeniably NEW YORK, but part of the best it's got to offer in the way of unleashed Hardcore energy by seasoned veterans. The lyrics seem to be focused on a state of ignorant numbness that comes with the package of life in the 80's. But it's a little hard for me to tell whether they're targeting this attitude or suggesting a peaceful Limbo. Aside from enjoying the acrobatics of their polished and forceful musicianship throughout, I especially dug the tunes "We're Just Watching" and "Drainpipe" due to some nifty noise-vehicles that churn in awkward ecstasy. Without doubt, a band to watch, and see. Till that time, check out this tape cause it's real now dude.



**PUSSY GALORE**  
**PUSSY GOLD 5000 EP.** BUY OUR RECS  
I don't know anything about this group...never saw em'. I've read reviews slotting them in the same vein as the CRAMPS: to which I might add AMOR FATI...if I thought this disc was near as much fun as his. But it's not. Maybe I could get into this...when I'm trying to get rid of someone.





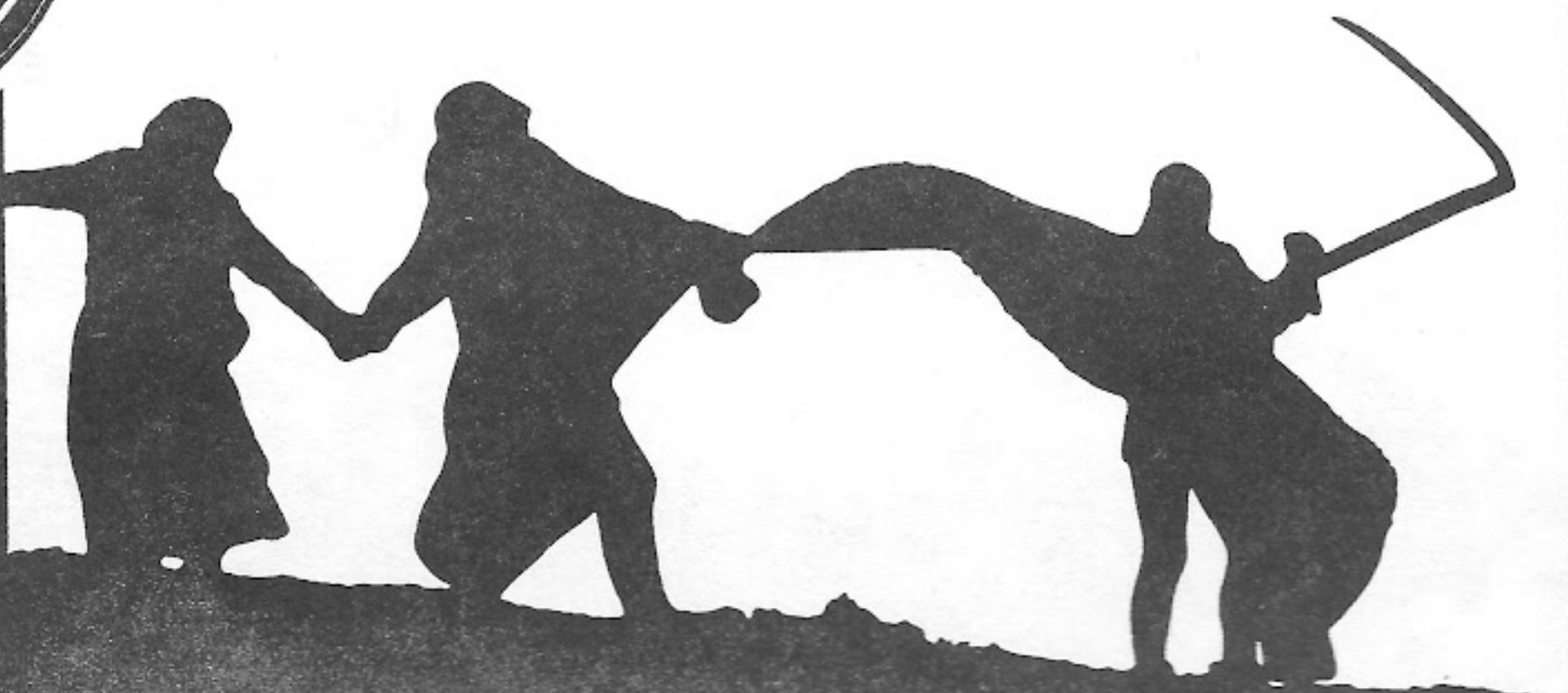


# PORNO SPONGES

## GOING PLACES, EATING THINGS EP

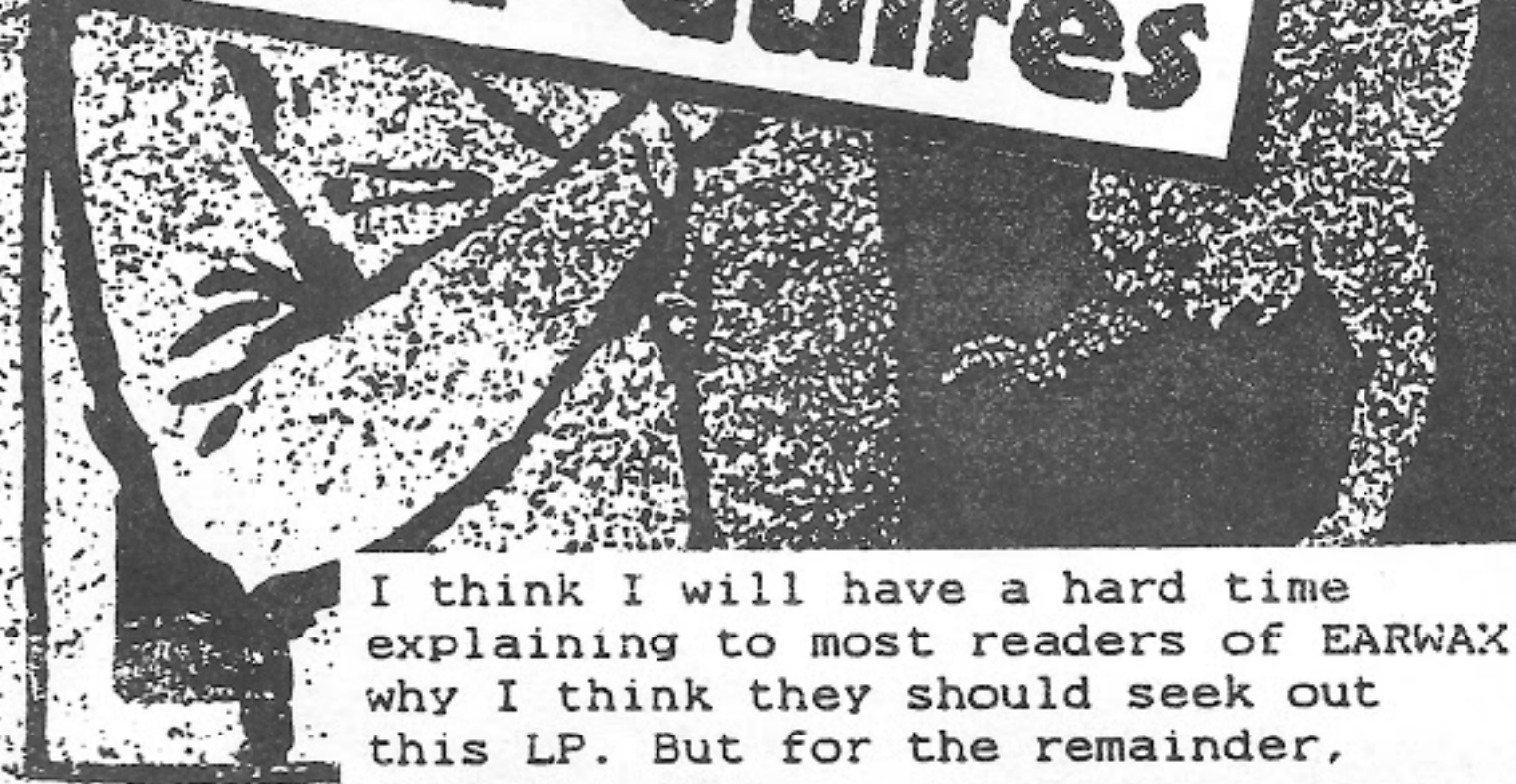
MUTHA RECORDS

One of the most powerful records to come out of the MUTHA mold in a long time. Raunchy Rock & Roll of the 60's-Punk variety. Better than most in this present caste. I could go on and on about influences that come to mind, but the best stews needn't be smothered by gravy. This is the kind of record you BLAST on your stereo. I'm the B side cut "Hanging Around". It packs a little more punch than the title cut. Makes ya wish there were another 10. Hopefully, this release will be easier to find than earlier classics now in the hands of collectors only. Cause, you're gonna wanna hear this.



MUTHA RECORD band; **THE WORST** at the DIRT. Haven't heard from this band in a while...but this show saw them in high gear thrash-metal form. More pics of this show, which featured the **X-MEN** in the next issue.

## The McGuires



I think I will have a hard time explaining to most readers of EARWAX why I think they should seek out this LP. But for the remainder, read on.

"Start Breathing" the MCGUIRES debut LP, on RIGHTEOUS RECORDS, who are also making a debut into the Rock market, is a good start. The format here being Folk Rock that skirts the edge of more popular bands to the independent listener, like GREEN ON RED and THE BEAT FARMERS, though not as adventurous as either. The instrumentation is clean and functional without deserving any special mention (ie. Okay) but the songs themselves stick out as being above average ballads that tend to a pleasurable half-hour or so listening.

Of real interest however, are the lyrics. For example; from "Lawyer"

Oh sister  
I hope you like Barbara  
She reminds me a lot of you  
when you were a kid  
But we've got this lve between us  
which is something that  
you and I never did  
Barbara is very cool  
She just finished law school  
Barbara is quite okay  
Sorry sister, she's not gay

And it gets stranger! Word has it that these guys were originally from 'Joisey, but some of the girl/love illustrations say **L.A.** to me. "Looking Glass Neighbor" is another piece of strangeness but also another example of the high caliber of lyric writing that is consistent throughout all 12 songs. It turns out to be my favorite cut on the disc, but almost all of side 2 is running a close second.

I can easily see songs like "Start Breathing" (the title cut) somewhere on the B side of a BRUCE SPRUNG-STEIN LP, and I can just as easily imagine the McGuires doing a cover of "Jersey Girl". But that shouldn't turn any of my readers off cause we know what's important here, and the McGuires have captured it.

True to the fatherland (NJ), they've even thrown in a song about Bar-B-Qs. (everybody knows they dont have Bar-B-Qs in CA; they have "photo-psycho therapy")

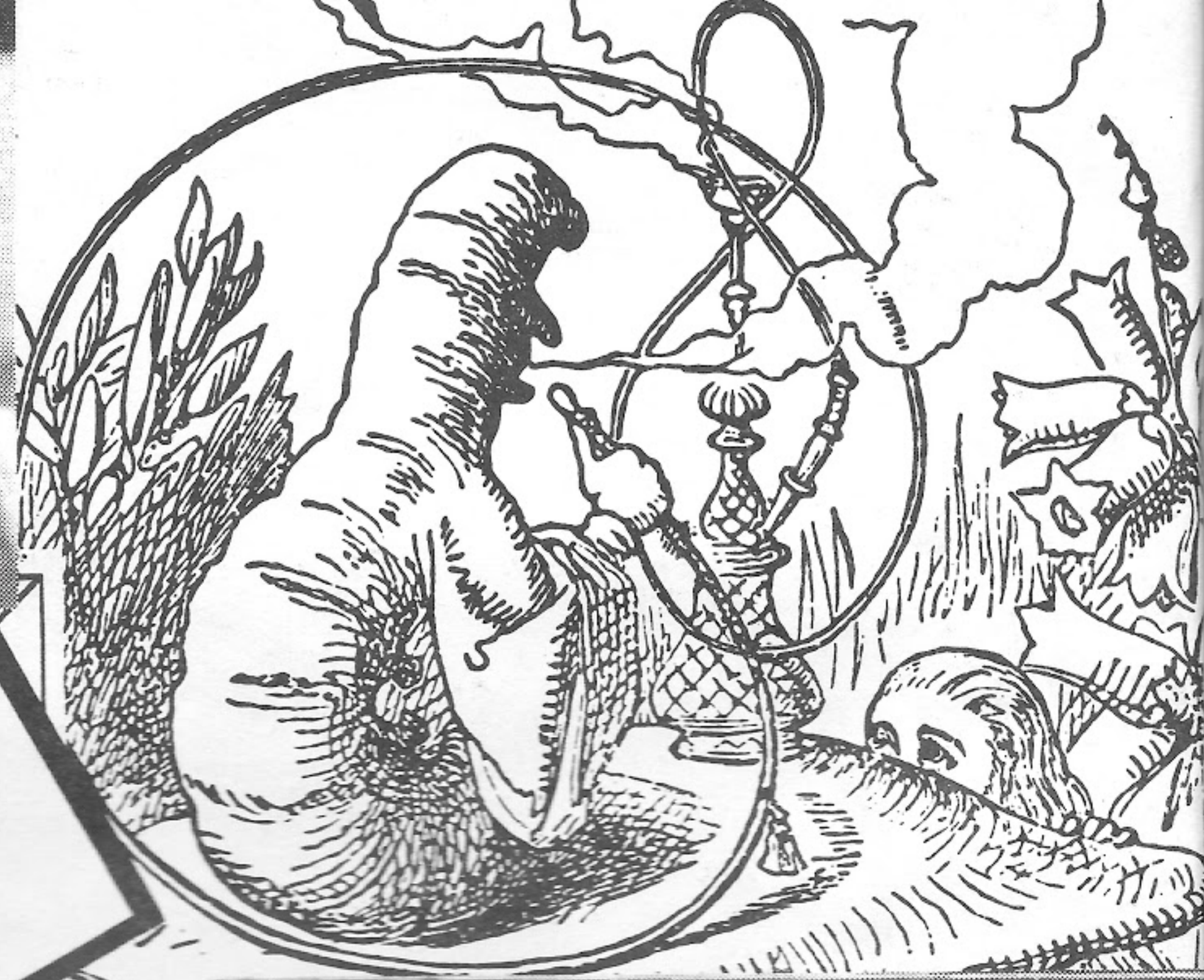
You'd probably find this spinning on a lazy Sunday morning at my house ...but I think it's Major material that kicks the stockings off crap live BON JOVI...in any culture.

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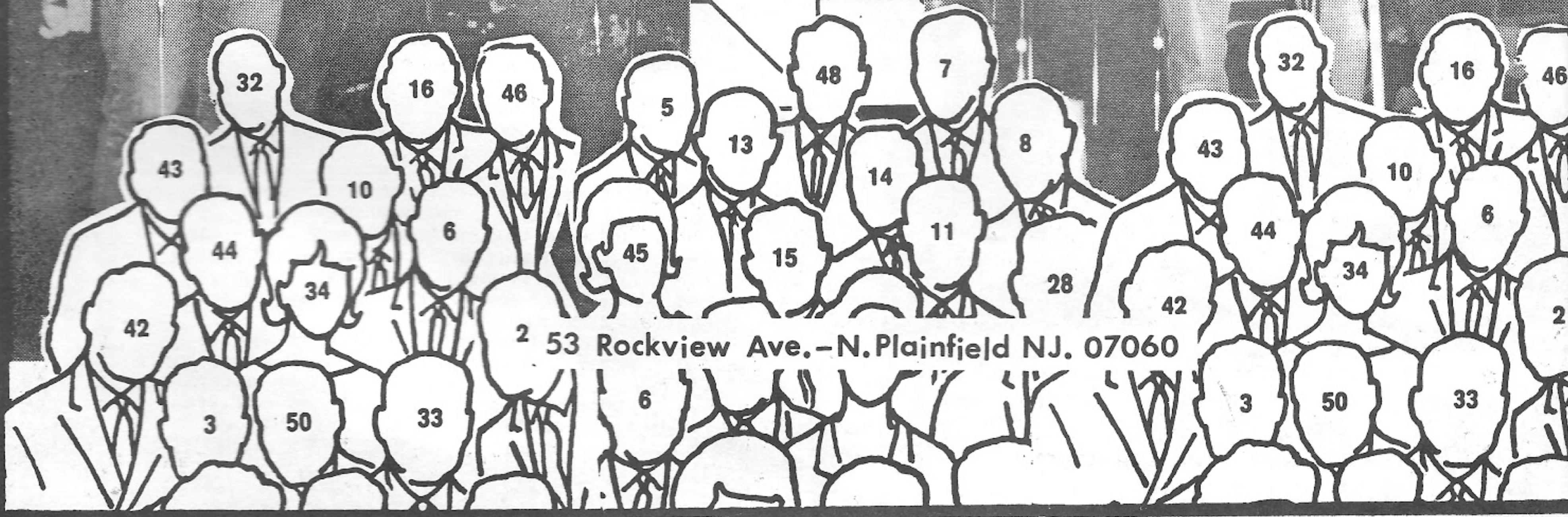
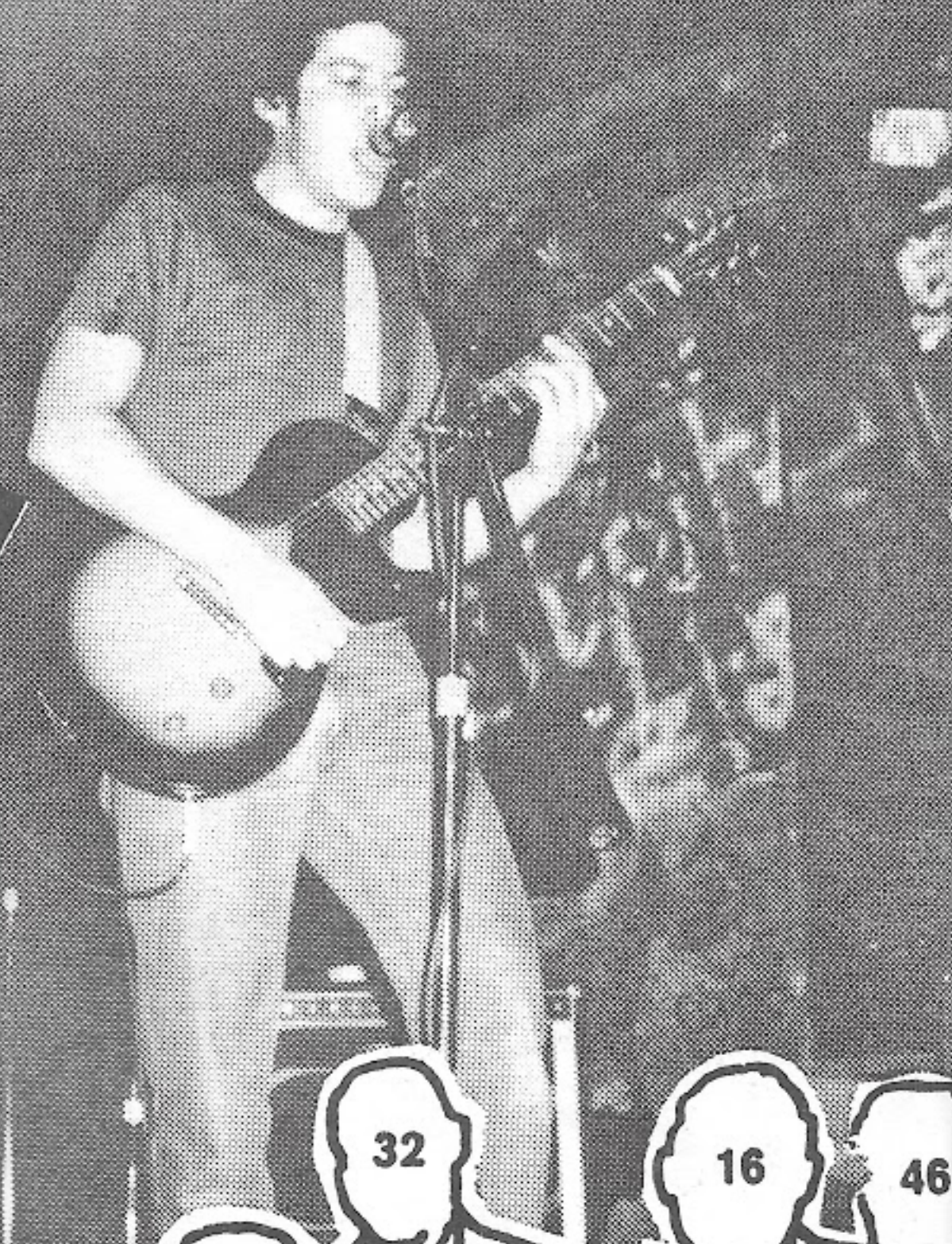
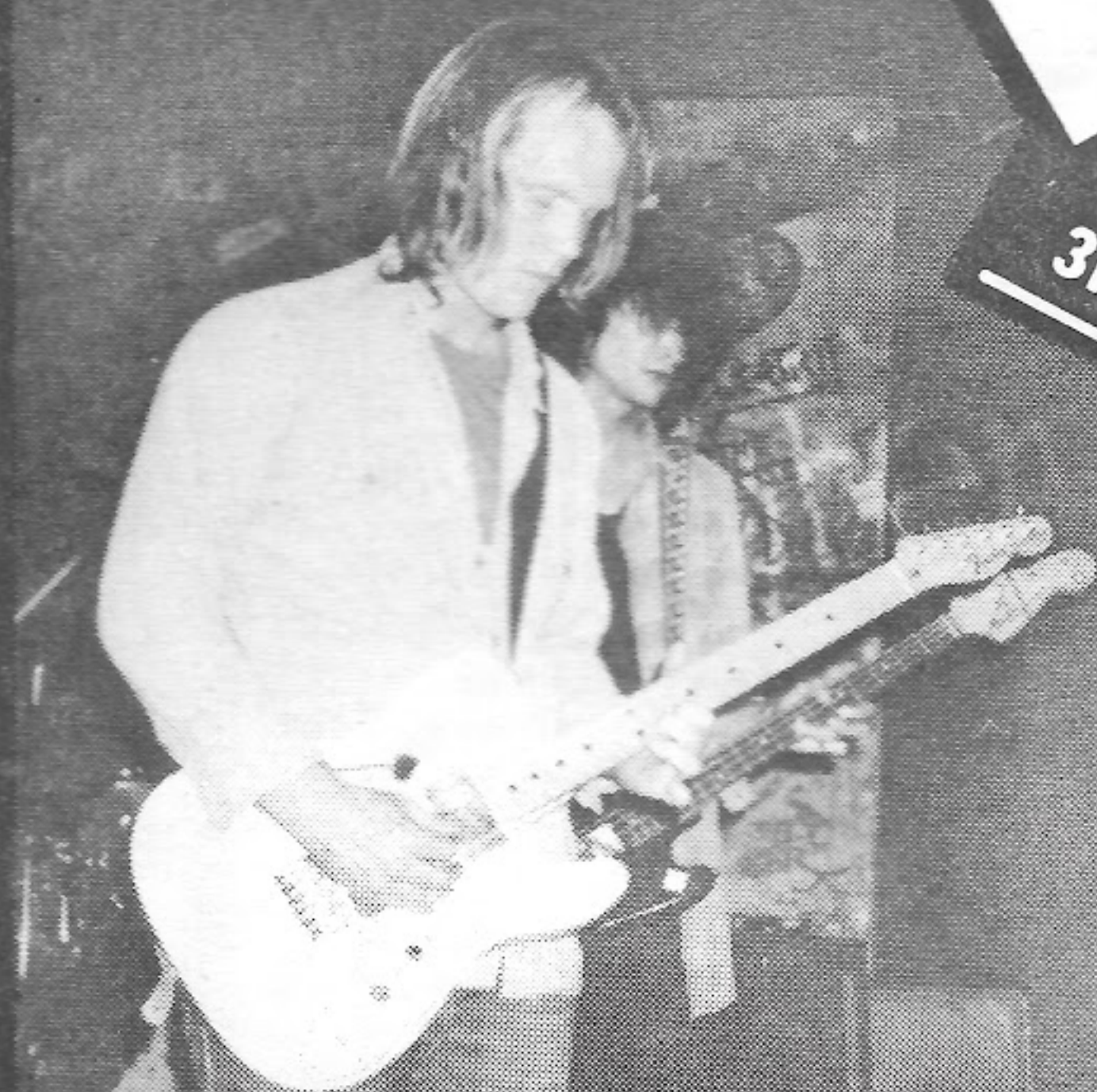


"...and who are you?"

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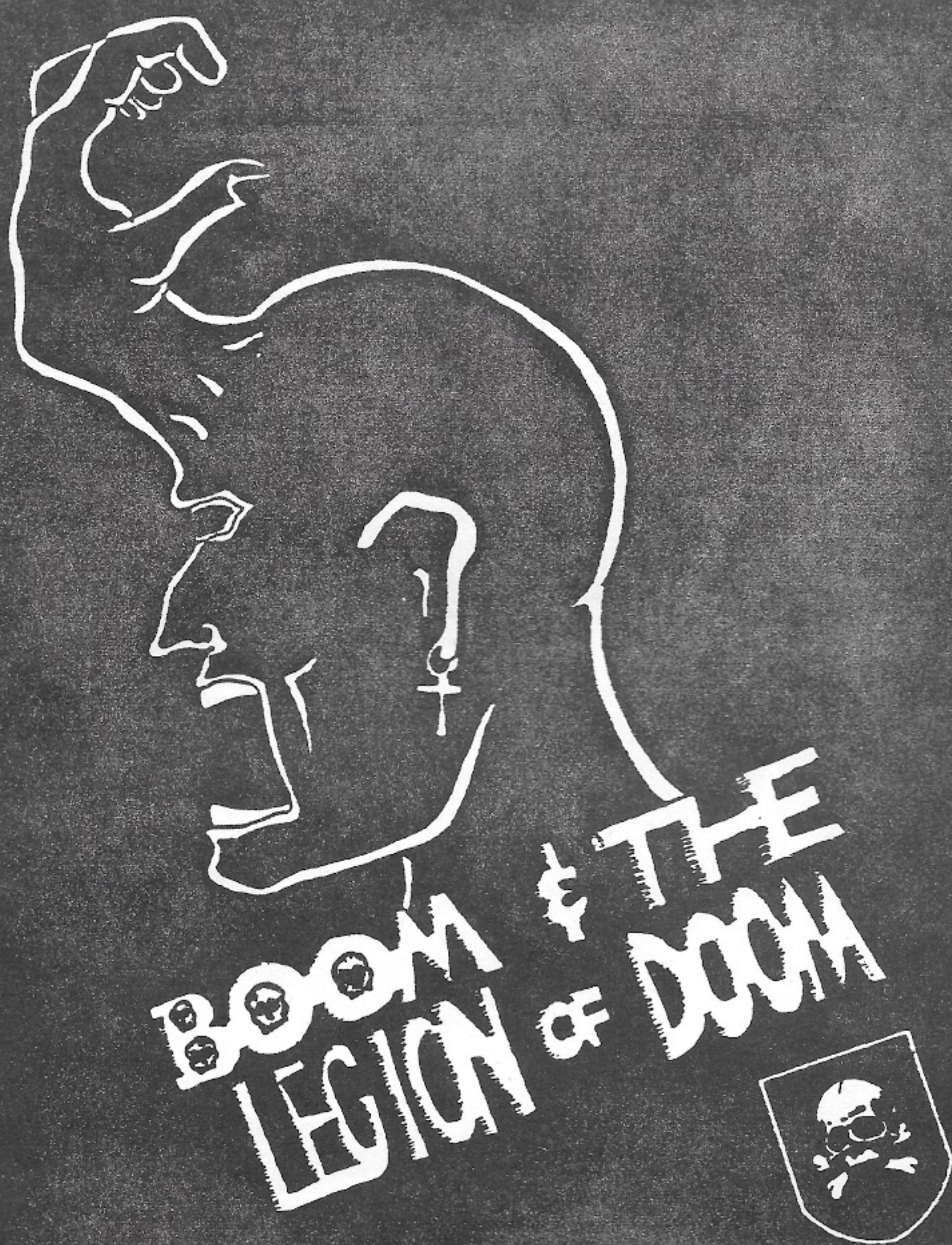


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**STARVATION ARMY**  
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Cleveland band that goes back a ways...this EP having a more "Rock & Roll" feel to it than earlier Hardcore sounds I've heard by the same band. If I didn't know, I'd guess that they were from Detroit,, cause there's Motor-City grooves galore in this EP's 4 cuts. Cool Rock-axtion in the MC5, AMBOY DUKES, CACTUS...to a later DICTATORS driven vein, with singer FRASER SIMS distinctive growl giving it a CORE edge. I like the direction this band has taken on this release; them Mid-West roots and power riffs don't come around often enough for my likein's.

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**BOOM AND THE  
LEGION OF DOOM**

**HATE TO LOVE, LOVE TO HATE EP**

This is one of those bands that takes chaos with as much ease as lighting a cigarette. Be it outrageous performances that end in local fanzines reviewing them as "assholes", or controversial pokes at Hardcore's "independent" claims, the L.O.D. seem to enjoy getting themselves in trouble.

It's a little difficult to pin down this nomadic troupe of pranksters. Tribal roots point to Kent, Ohio where BOOM edited the equally chaotic ANTI SOCIAL fanzine. Sharing a house with God-artist VINCE RANCID and BILL BOARD (DEPRESSION fanzine, and later DEPRESSION RECS.) DEPRESSIONS earlier releases are by TOXIC ATTITUDE and PLASMA ALLIANCE (with BOOM on drums) BILL BOARD/DEPRESSION believes that Punk is getting too big for it's purposes, and is losing it's fundamental views and morals. DEPRESSION sells it's records at cost..."Hate to..." an 8 song EP going for only \$1.00! But YO!!!!, each parcel is also filled with a Disneyland of surprises, and it's like Christmas receiving a DEPRESSION product.

In their own words...the L.O.D. say "we suck...and we know it." But fans say..."you either love em', or hate em'", an attitude I've recently heard used to describe CHILDREN IN ADULT JAILS. Get my drift? Their sound...is somewhat a cross between Brit-core BLITZKRIEG and the psychedelic blurr of the BUTTHOLE SURFERS or the rawness of NJ's PSYCHO SIN. But I'm inclined to listen past the sound, into the heart of LEGION OF DOOM where I find a blissfull dis-organization. A real bargain...get it!

**DIAMOND REXX**

**"LAND OF THE DAMNED" LP**

**ISLAND RECORDS**

Hardly what I'd call an "Independent" release...DIAMOND REXX's debut LP harkens from that aisle in the record shop that I haven't explored in years,,but without which, most platter dens would would never survive. Yep...you guessed it...METAL! I kinda gave up on this stuff with the advent of SPEED-METAL, DEATH-METAL, METAL-THRASH, etc,etc, and MTV. What ever happened to good ole' HEAVY-METAL? Well, DIAMOND REXX, concerned as they are about their "image", have plopped their METAL into the bin marked: "GLAM"...not wanting to sport what guitarist S.ST.LUST calls "the gym shoe look". So they've opted for the image of "being the boys next door...that you wouldn't want your daughter to go out with" (from their promo kit) Quite honestly...I'd be more worried about my son!...but hey..I guess I looked kinda silly in beads huh....(nah!)

Musically...this is the kind of stuff drugged-out HM-kids play air guitar to. A step or two below arena status, but big enough to "pretend" in places like LAMOUR EAST opening for acts that do it better...like MONROE. That's not to say that this is anything but good...it's just not GREAT, as far as this stuff is concerned. Tunes like "Cuz I Wancha", "Up and Down", and "B.A.T.S." are of the power variety I really dig in H.E.A.V.Y. music. The musicianship is skilled (learned), the vocals are right-on-target, and the lyrics aren't as silly as you'd expect, tho more geared to teenage boys who agree that woman are.... "sleazy". The production is as good as you'd expect given the \$\$\$\$ that obviously backs this band, and I'd recommend this LP over a lot of dumber offerings in the same neighborhood.... but if you're gonna stock up on this stuff..I'd suggest investing in some plain white covers so your record collection won't have to smell like hair spray.



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AOD continue to pick up steam on their way to being national favorites. This LP is as close as it comes to the AOD experience without leaving the house. Excellent terms of more-fun-per-spin. Faster than a fish out of water and heavier than a bed of bricks on Skyline Drive, cut after cut, it's like a surprise visit on every corner. I personally prefer the slow(er) 70's Punk groove to the mile-a-second thrash. Cuts like; "Fishin' Musician" and "Master-piece" are major happenings in the art of R&R. But it's the sense of humor that brings this disc to life. AOD personify the lighter half of Hardcore/Punk, and we're all the better for it. If you're one of those folks in Milford, No. Dakota, who'll probably never get a chance to see AOD, pick up on this disc year. It's all here...accept no substitutes. Guaranteed stuff.



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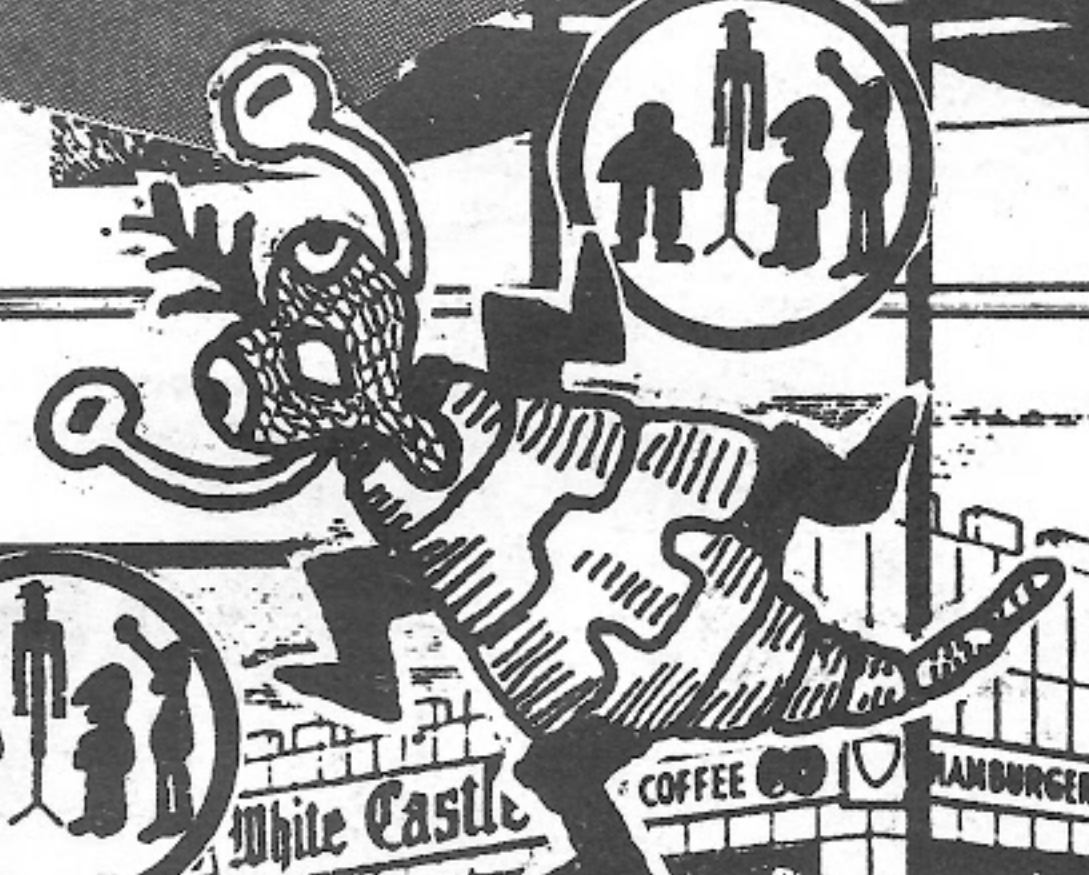
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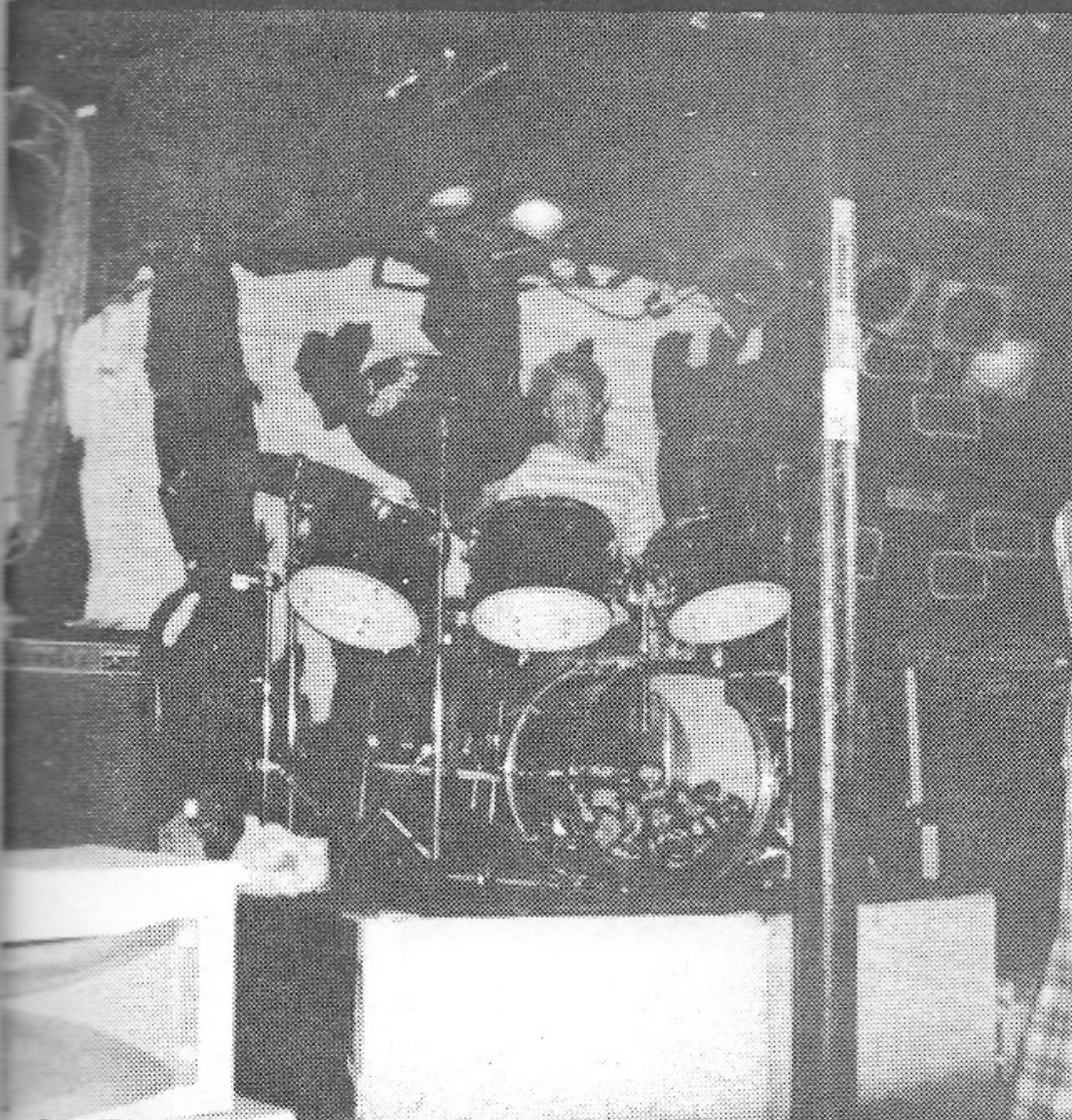
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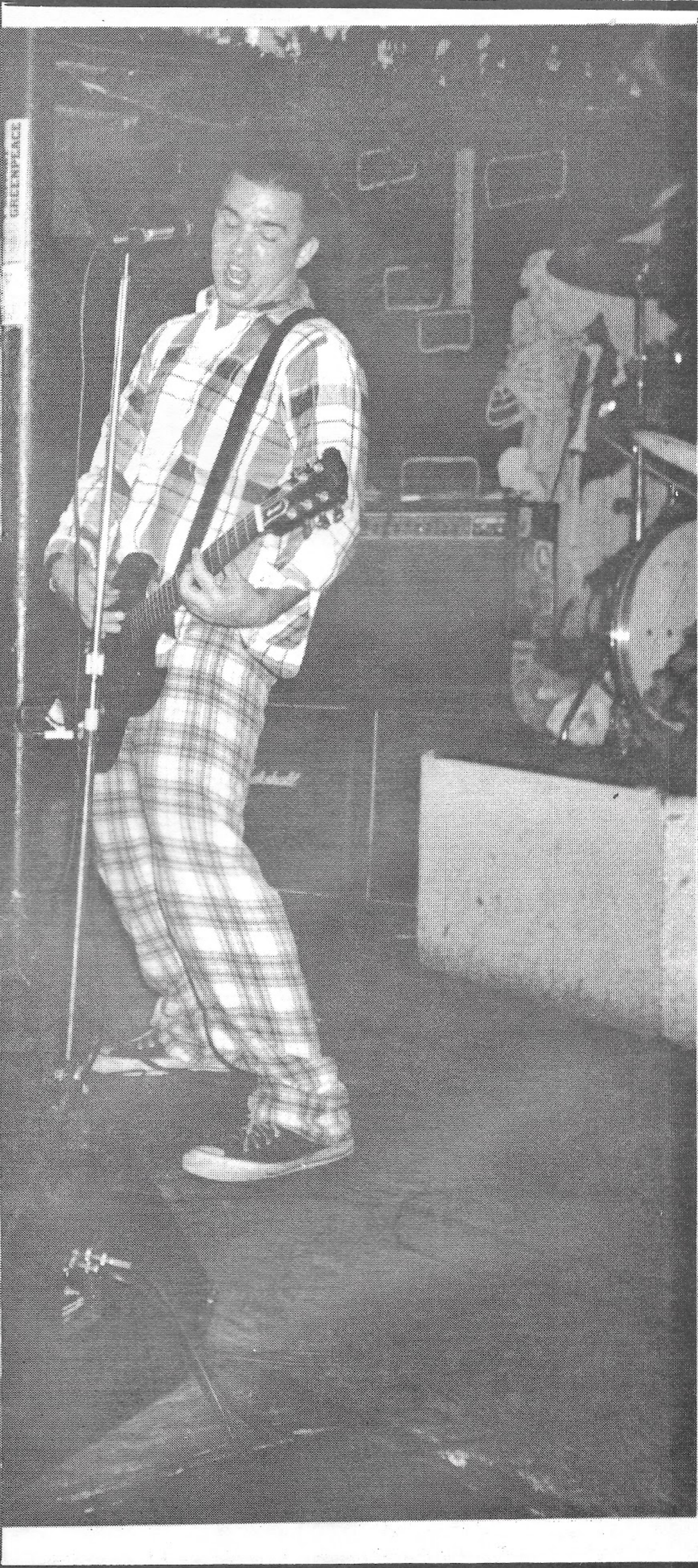
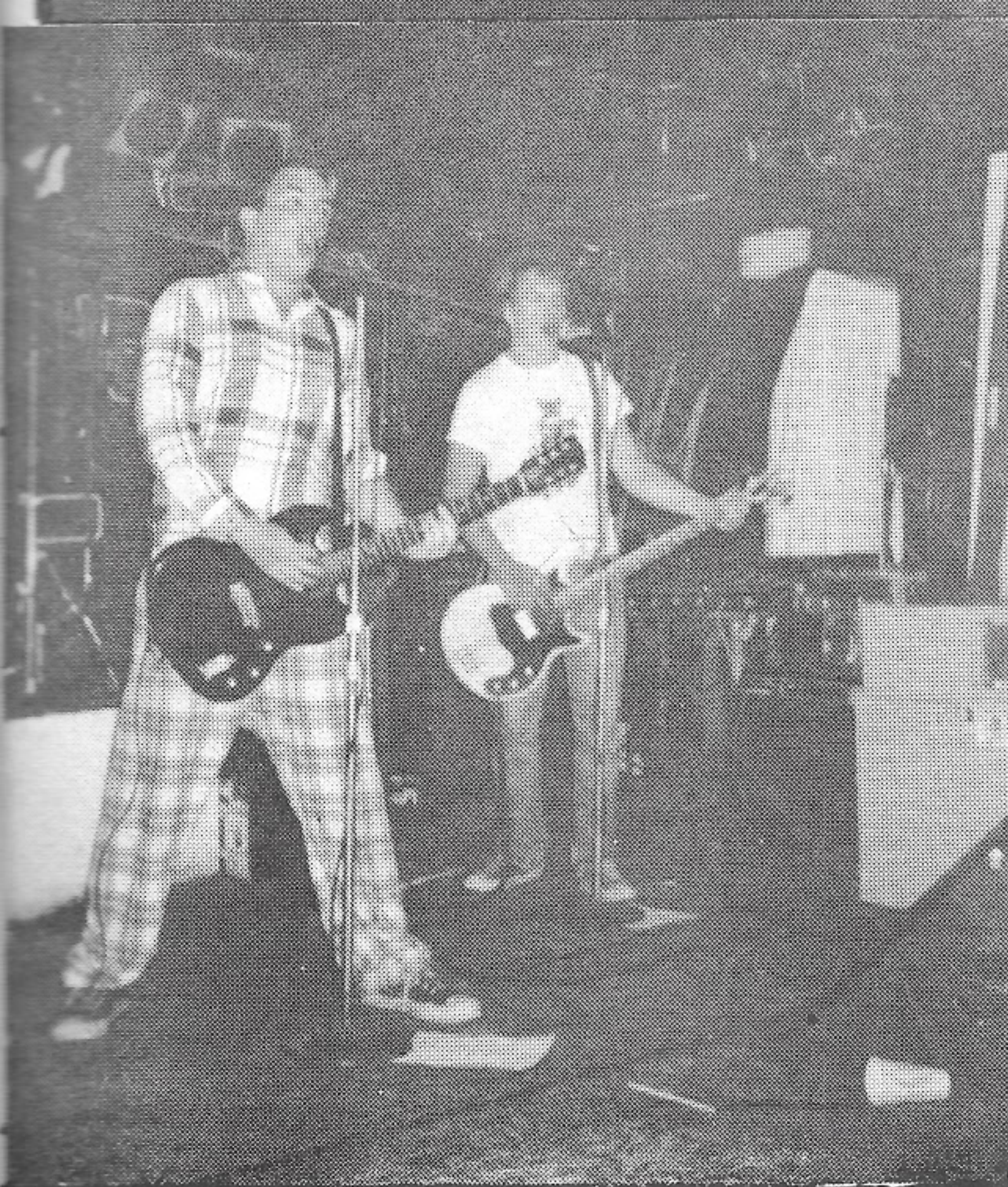




# **FLAG OF DEMOCRACY**

LP **BUY OUR RECORDS**

Funny how things can fit like a glove, on no particular hand. F.O.D. are among BOR's growing family,, and I couldn't think of a better label for them to be on. Aside from the "wacky" personas, and speed-o-light delivery, they have the same clumsy attitude to day-to-day survival as many of their BOR roommates. And that makes them loveable, despite a tendency to..uh...walk over the edge into chaotic noise in performance. This LP however...(I hate to use this word, but it's appropriate in this case)..SHREDS! Required listening.. **BEFORE** attending a F.O.D. show. Look for a F.O.D. interview in the next issue.

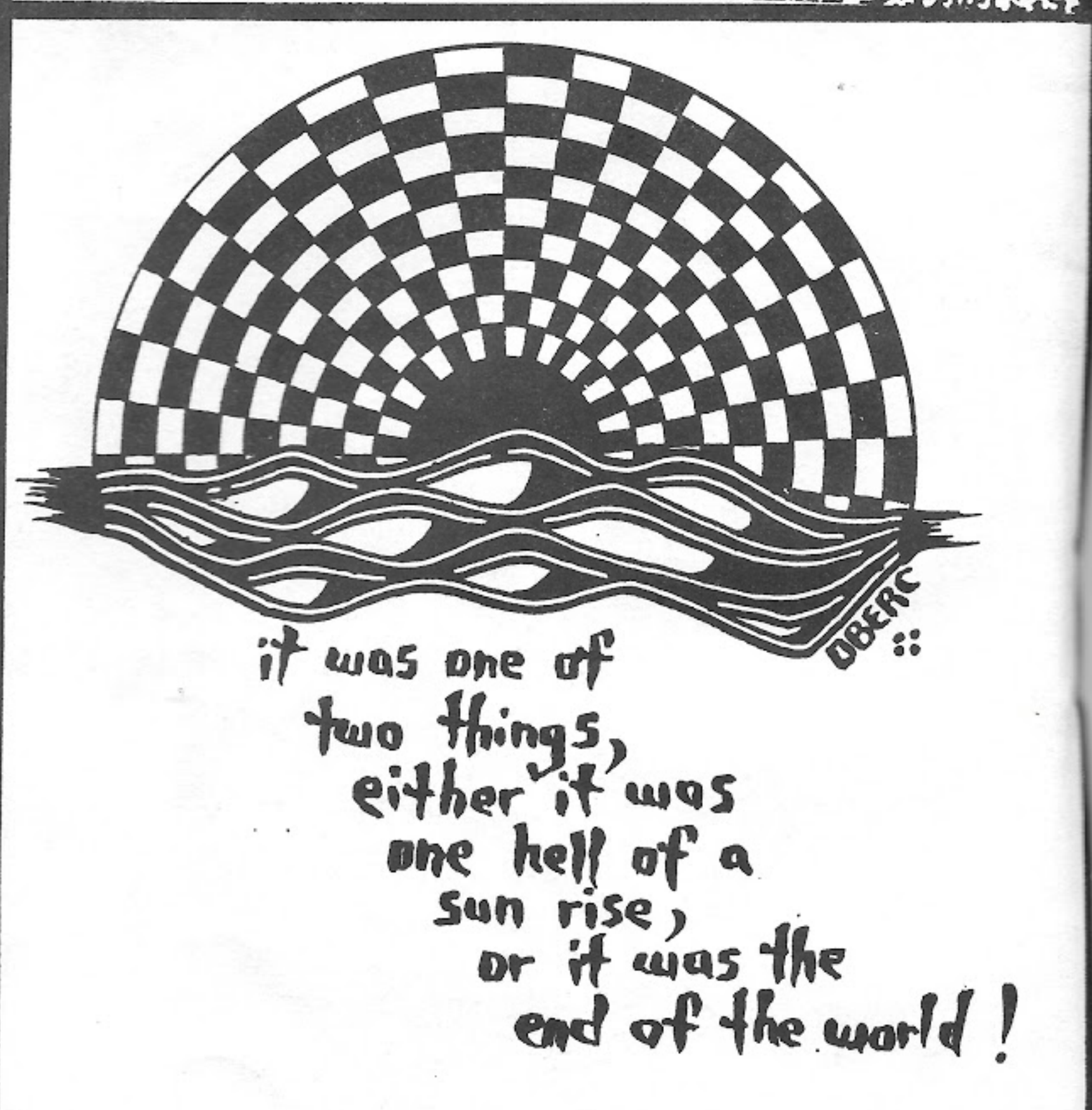
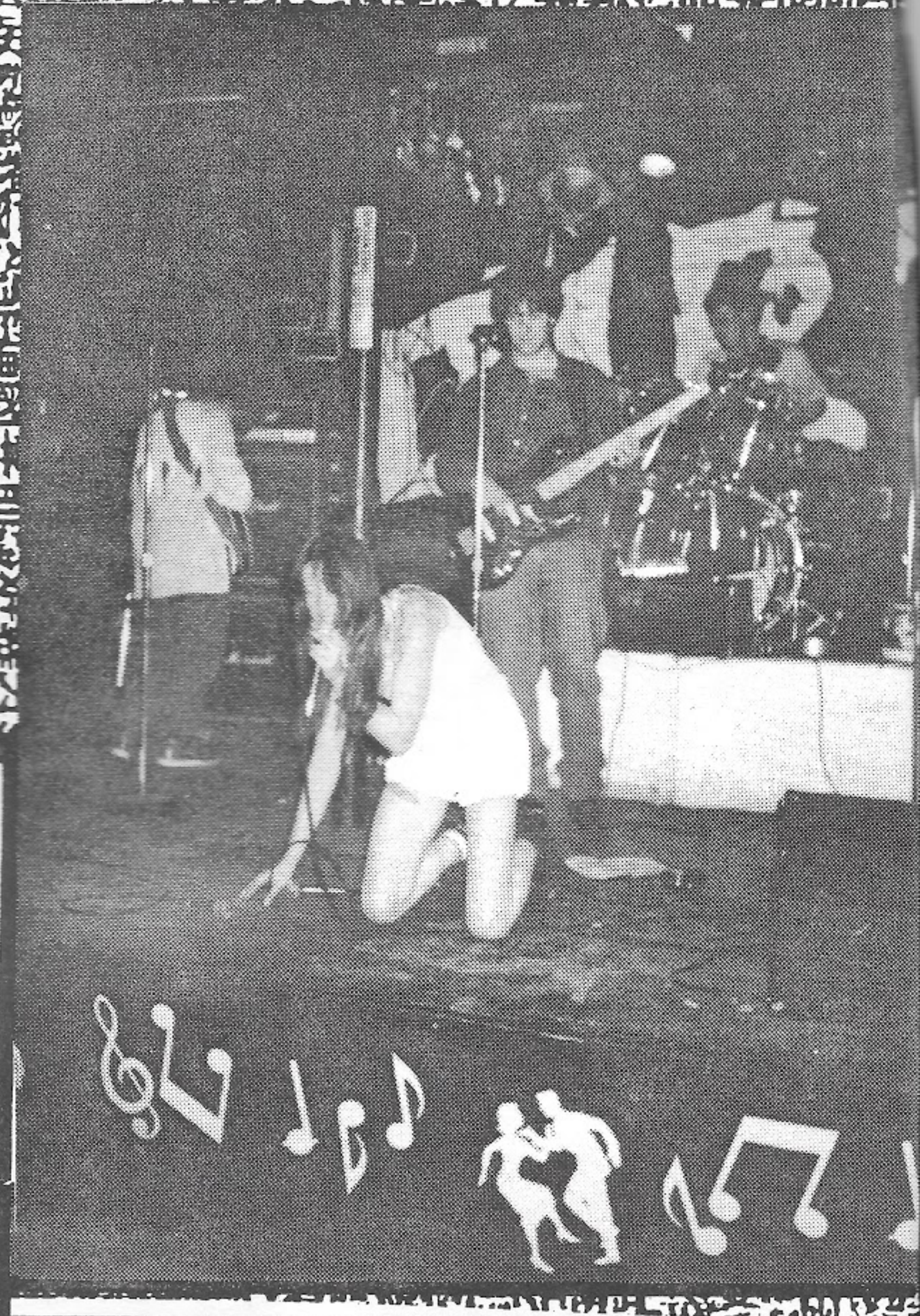






**RAGING SLAB**...one of the newer BUY OUR RECORD bands, whose debut LP should be out by the time this rag is in your hands. Sort of an odd fusion of Southern Rock and Punk. Good band to party with.

**CHILDREN IN ADULT JAILS** with new bassist :TOM SHAD at the BUY OUR RECORDS Christmas party, in the DIRT. A perfect band to nurture a Love/Hate relationship with. This is one band that still defies description. Noise-to-Core-to-minimalism-to-pain ...to---whatever! Gotta be in the mood to fully appreciate them.





# SOUND REVIEW BENEFIT SHOW

JERSEY CITY -

Way back in November...I attended a show put on by ROB BROWN/SOUND REVIEW FANZINE somewhere in the Jersey City Never-Neverlands to benefit a soup project in the neighborhood. Jersey City get's some glorifying press as the new home for Yuppie Condo-dwellers, but fact is, it's also the scene of many homeless, poor, and hungry people as well. Though the proceeds of this show probably couldn't buy more than a 1/2 dozen cans of generic soup, this was one of many shows ROB has put together to help, as well as releasing a comp cassette with all profits going to the same cause.

This afternoon's show hosted PSYCHO SIN, CHRONIC FEAR, SOCIAL DECAY, and LETHAL AGGRESSION.

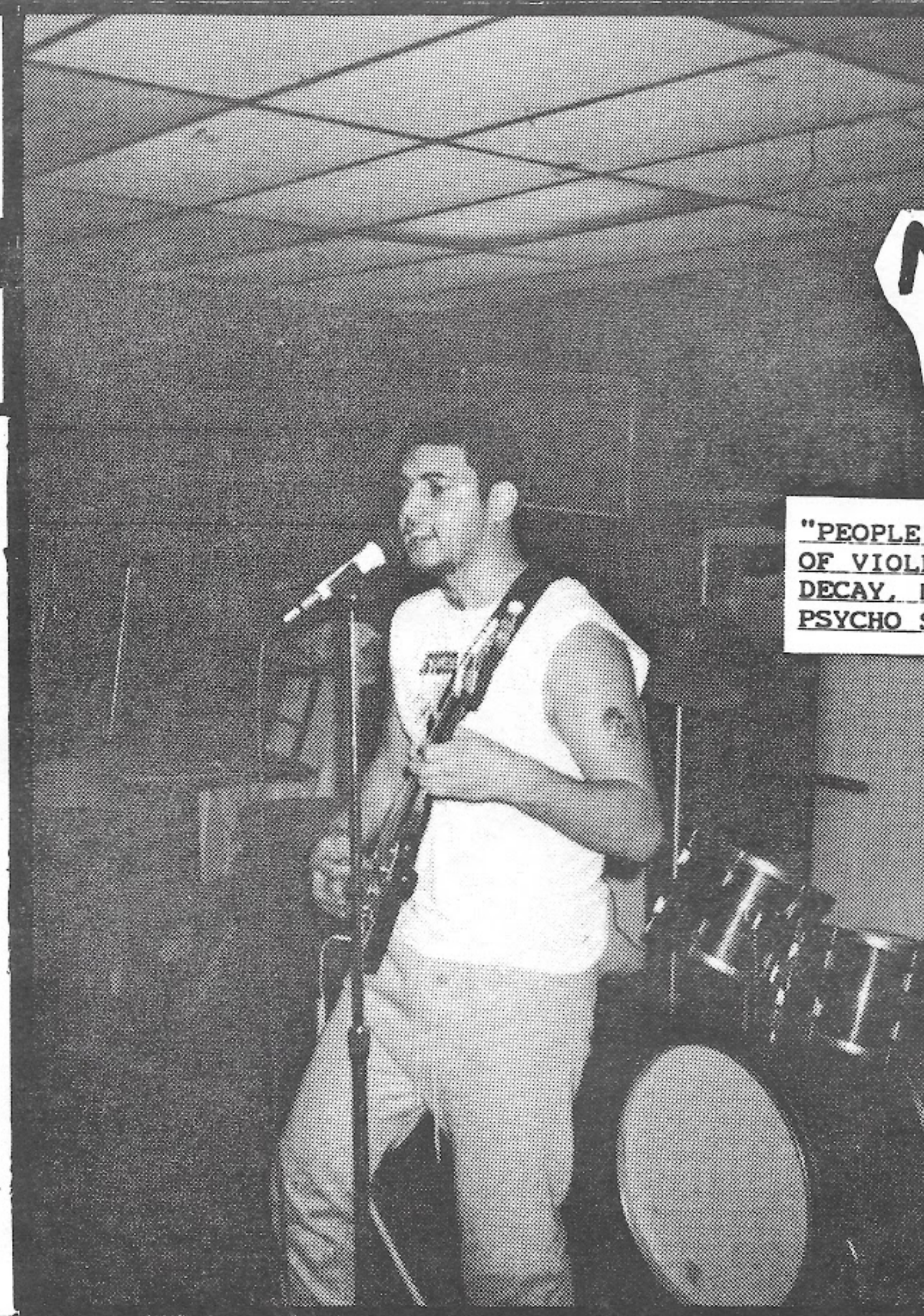
Tho most of the show was marred by a faulty-to-skimp sound system (the 1 and only mic broke mid-way thru the day), the bands played a solid show to a small but active crowd of supporters.

PSYCHO SIN opened (twice) with thier own special brand of chaos & noise. Base-level Hardcore that's not afraid to be "rediculous" while getting it's message across.

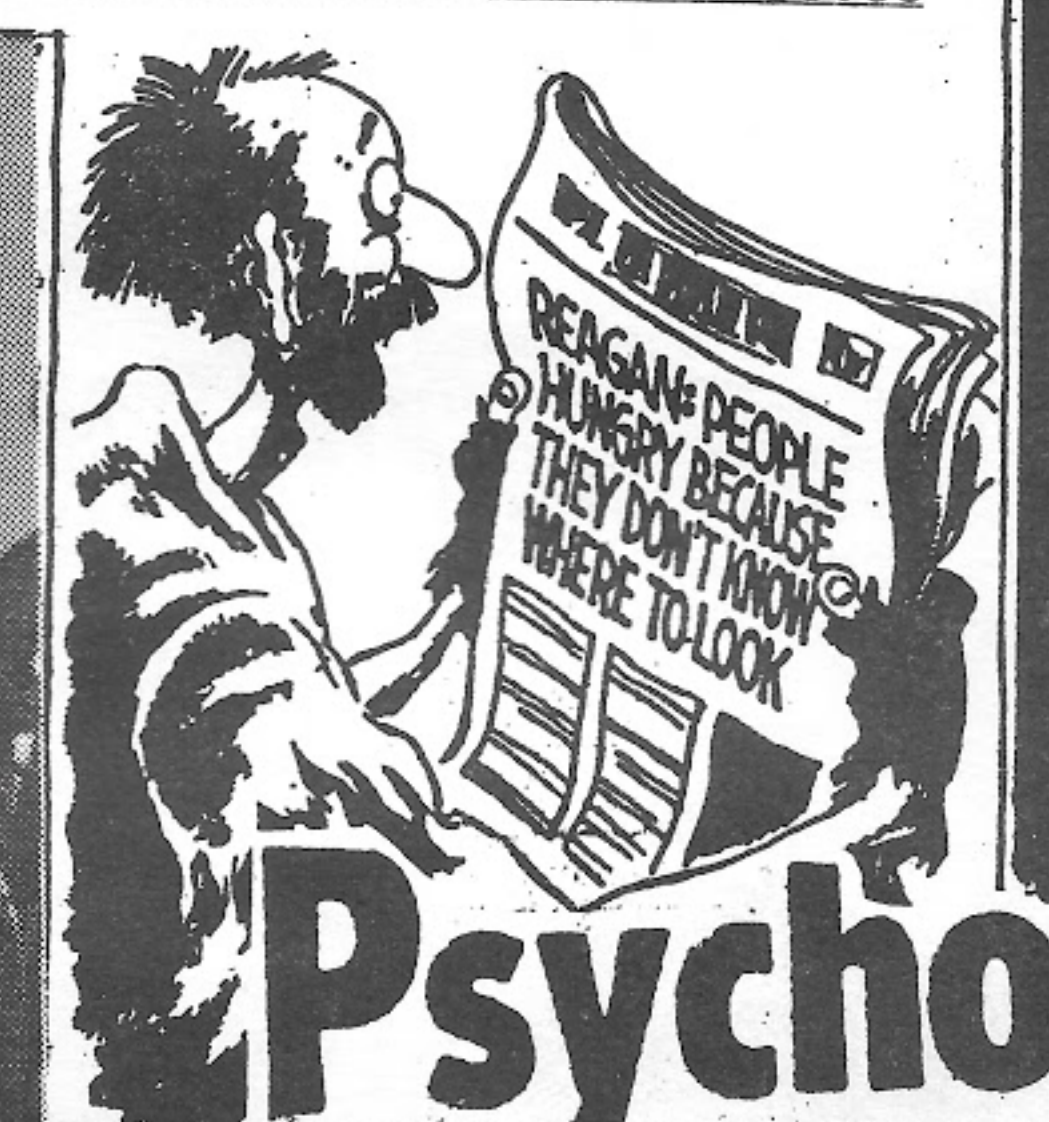
CHRONIC FEAR played 2nd, their Metal-thrash oozed with power and the pouncers ate it up.

SOCIAL DECAY had to start off without vocals (due to the smashed mic) but overcame the problem with a tight set of fierce Hardcore.

(see picture in the S.D. interview) I didn't get to see LETHAL AGGRESSION cause the sun started to go down, and I was afraid of getting lost. All in all tho, it was a good day, and I hope folks will come out to support future shows that ROB may plan.



"PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY" comp w/ SCHOOL OF VIOLENCE, CHRONIC FEAR, SOCIAL DECAY, MECHANICAL BRIDE, BEWARE, PSYCHO SIN & REST IN PIECES is \$5.00



## SOUND REVIEW #12

is the latest publication by ROB BROWN. In this ish, an interview with CHRONIC FEAR, RAW POWER, scene reports, reviews, and a PSYCHO SIN poster! Lots of clippings and generally interesting stuff (75¢) Of additional interest, is a publication called POEMS FROM THE UNDERGROUND. Free for the asking, (but send something) which is, a collection of poems by CARL CASANOVA (PSYCHO SIN). Comic graphix give it a cool touch. Write: 171 3rd ST./Jersey City, NJ. 07302



C.F.'s demo (newest one) is a solid mix of Metal dredge and intense thrash. They're at their best when they're in their own groove ("Roaches Raid", "Disturbance of Mind"). I prefer their chunkier side over the drippy skank. The production is excellent, and the energy is high. ERIC's voice is low (gruff)...the tape kicks, so kick \$3.00 to: Tom Skorupski/ 3 Welsh Dr./Florham Park, NJ.07932





Photos on this page were taken at the CMJ Marathon where DIRGE were one of the opening bands. They're one of the busier Jersey Shore bands, doing a lot of local gigs, working hard at getting known and picking up a lot of fans in the process. DIRGE is a very powerful band with this huge **HEAVY** sound propelled by the guitar pyrotechnics of ERIC TUCKER (also with F.C.C.) and the immediate vocals of JACK MONAHAN (ex-FATAL RAGE). A solid bottom provided by DAN/drums, and HOGAN/bass gives DIRGE the thunder to ride.

Their 8 song demo cassette cranks! You can put the volume control on "0", and you can still hear it coming thru the speakers. ERIC's axemanship is like Jack The Ripper of the fretboard. He's got the Metal/Thrash velocity fine tuned to work well with an electric bag of tricks. His guitar literally screams. Jack's voice leads, as if his mic should be plugged into a stack of Marshalls.

The songs are creative and forceful, with gripping lyrics that hit as hard as Jack's delivery. Things look good for DIRGE; You'll be hearing a lot more about them.



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ROT was the opening band at the CMJ marathon. A hand that unfortunately delt them a very sparce audience. Never-the-less, ROT did a wild and energetic set that can be seen via a video they have available and is almost captured on their demo. What's missing, is the visual fun that ROT (also known as GLITTER WITCH) seem to pull from an endless bag of tricks. Vocalist DAVE PAUL is a non-stop wizard at Punk mayhem that adds an attractive edge to an already exciteing band. Folks familiar with the UNEXPECTED will find ex-members firing ROT with 1st class HC on this very well sounding demo. The lyrics poke fun at themselves, their friends, and life in general, but I get the

feeling there's more to ROT than what's on the surface. A band to catch live, but I know you'll dig this cassette. So spend some money ... DEMO/\$3.00 VIDEO/\$15.00  
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# HOGAN'S HEROS

DEMO

Another one of many cool bands to spring from the Jersey Shore area in the last coupl'a years. They play a positive Hardcore that hangs in a tight groove that thrashers have come to know and love. Nothing really of groundbreaking importance on their 16 song demo, but no dust collectors either. The songs are enjoyable musically and charged with observant lyrics. Aside from the tight arrangements, I was way impressed by some scourching guitar

work by GEORGE BARBERIO that steamrolls to the likes of AOD and ventures into melodic areas just as easily...many times, within the same song. It's this interesting blend of melody & thrash that give HOGAN'S HEROS original potential. My hat's off to drummer TONY also, who's powerfull drive and inventive use of fills are a welcome cure to the White Line Fever that thrash bands often suffer by. A better than average tape, for better than average tastes.  
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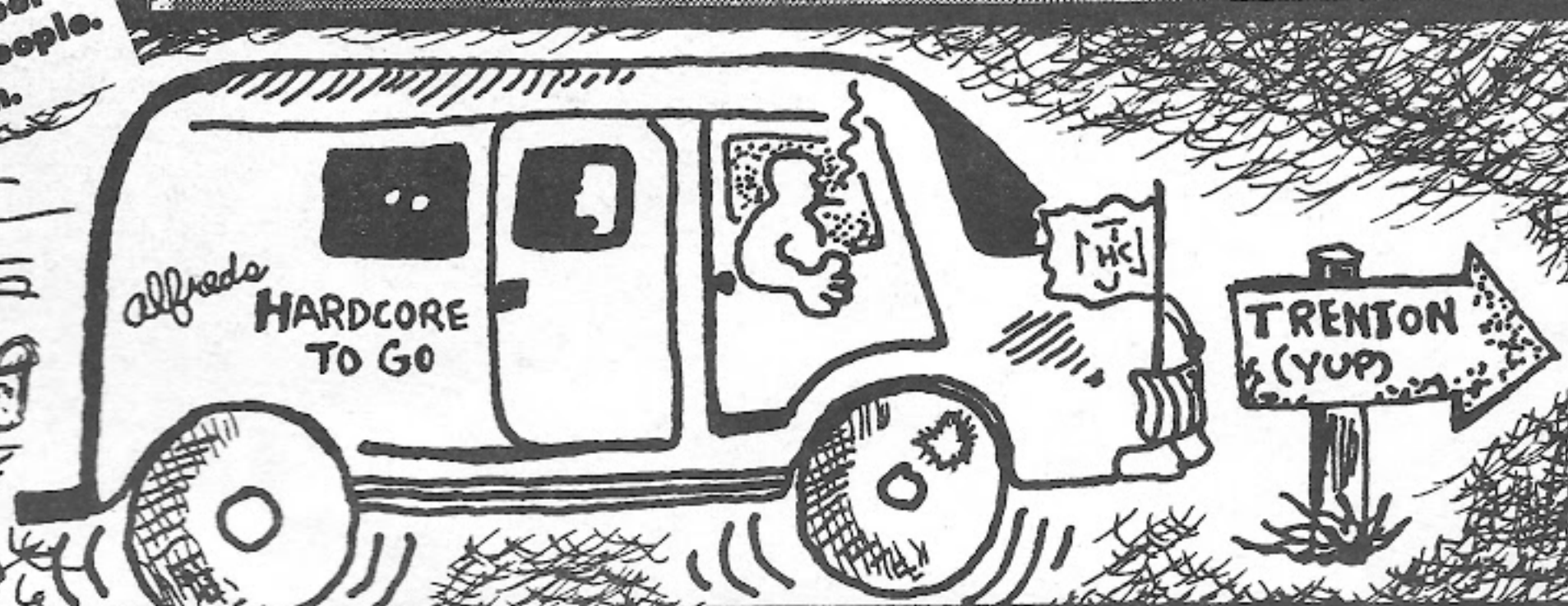
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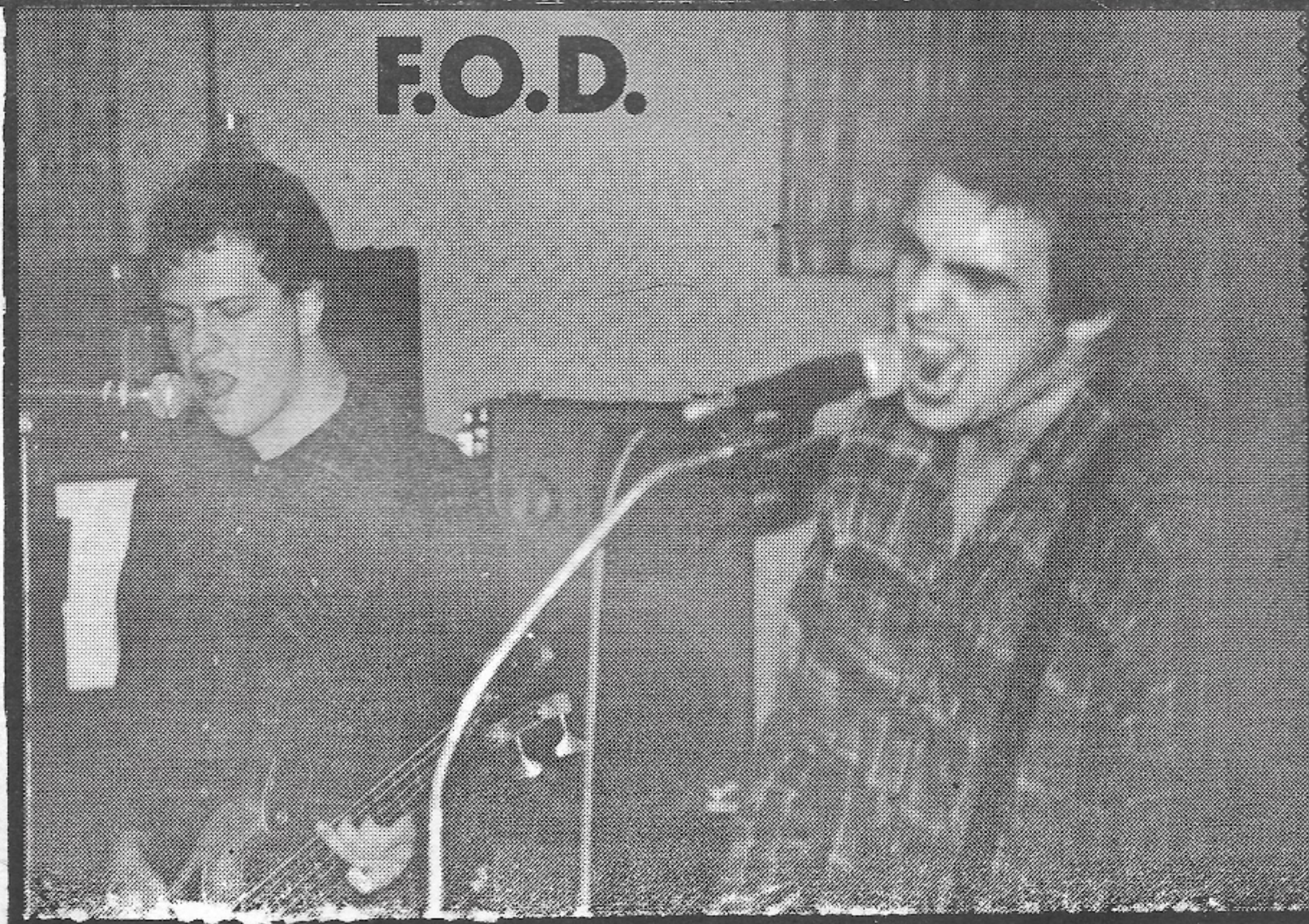
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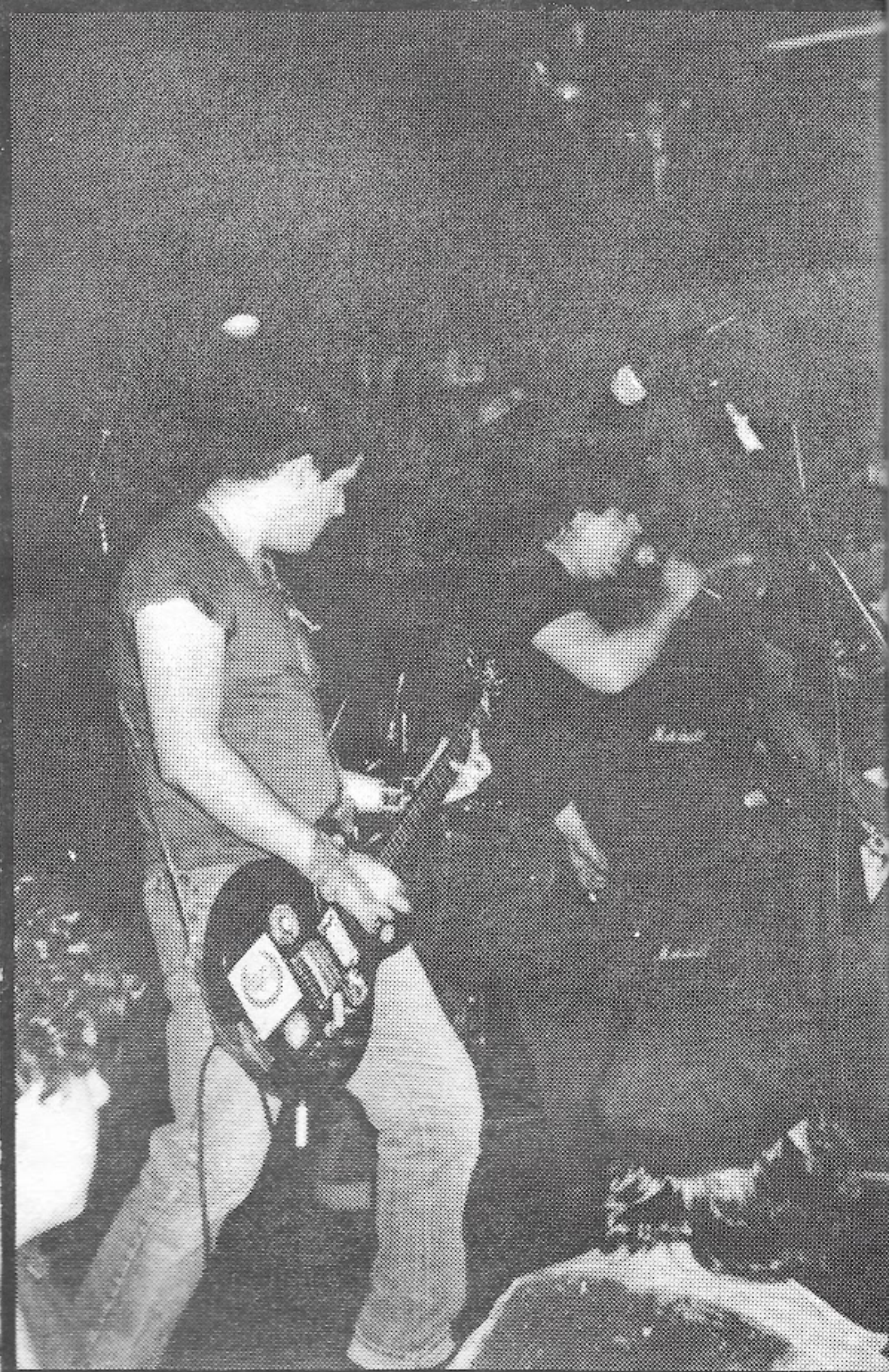
F.O.D.



Jonathan Levine/FAITH fanzine put together this gig, somewhere in the Siberian winterlands of Southwest NJ. Brrrrr! God was it cold! On the proverbial bill this evening was **JERSEY FRESH** who did a very energetic set of stop-go thrash to a lukewarm gathering of eskimo youth. The **BURNT** came all the way down from the security of Bergen County to thaw some brains and search for the elusive Taylor Ham in the garden badlands, but hot as they were, the yokal polks hung like ice statues in a leather warehouse. Must be somethin in the water.....**F.O.D.** did a particularly noisy set of...uh...tunes (?)....cranked to 11+, but by then it was vegetables at freeze-dry; so they decided to pile all their gear in a heap at the end of their set. As the Burnmobile made it's way north, we could see the bonfire's blaze .....

Actually, I think it was an overdose of some Rap/Scratch stuff that froze everyone in motion...interesting night. But no Taylor Ham. Jonathan says he's dropping FAITH to concentrate on a record label, so while he's still at it, check out a copy of his very cool 'zine.. and comp cassette that has many less heard of Jersey bands on it. See review elsewhere in this issue.



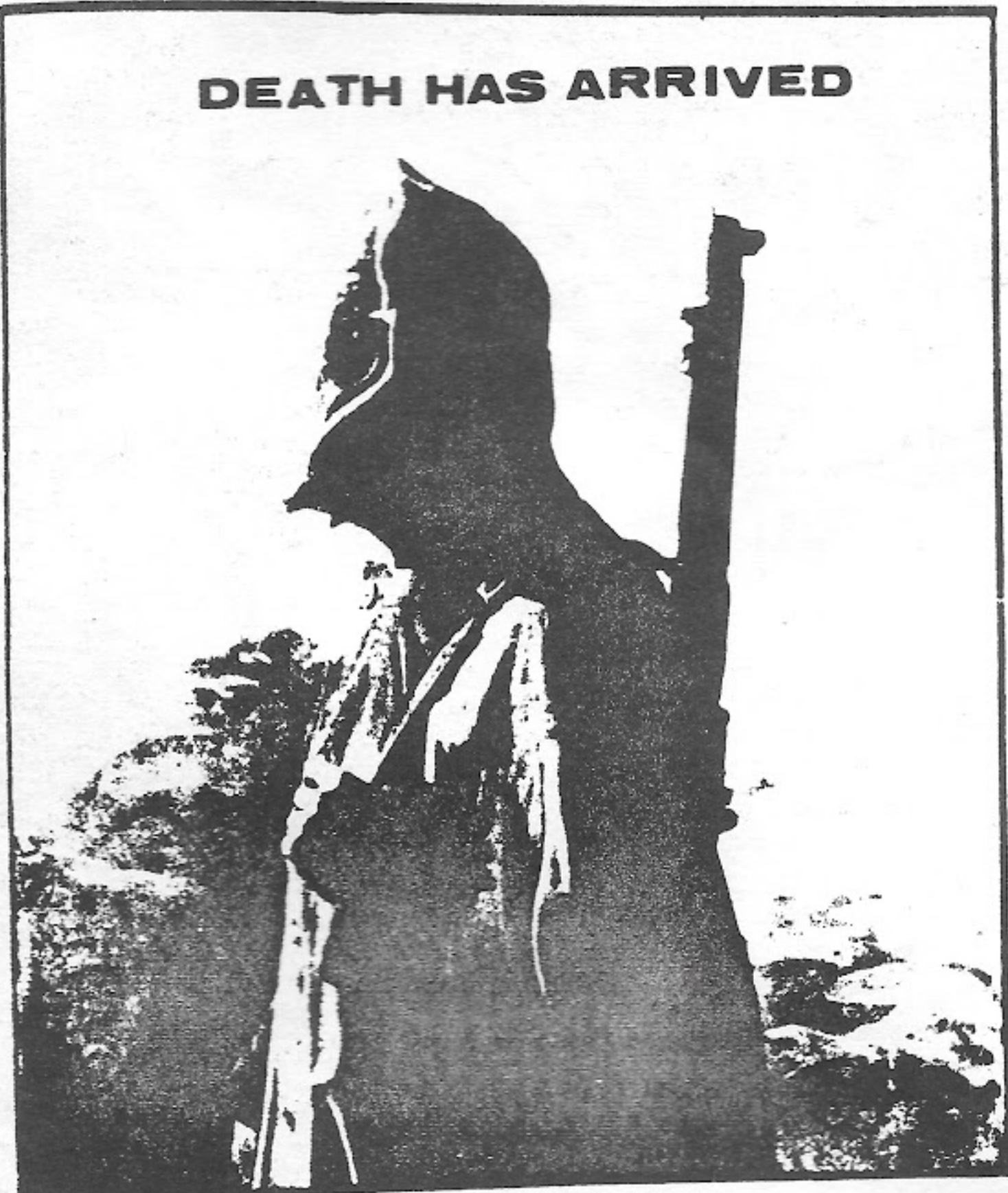


bedlam at CBGBs; soon after the release of their thunderous "Lost In Space" LP. (Buy Our Record) Yep...that's Bruce (AOD) playing 2nd fiddle. This was one of the better sets I've seen them do. Highlight for the night, was an old 'BLACK SAMBO' song called "Death by Lethal Injection".

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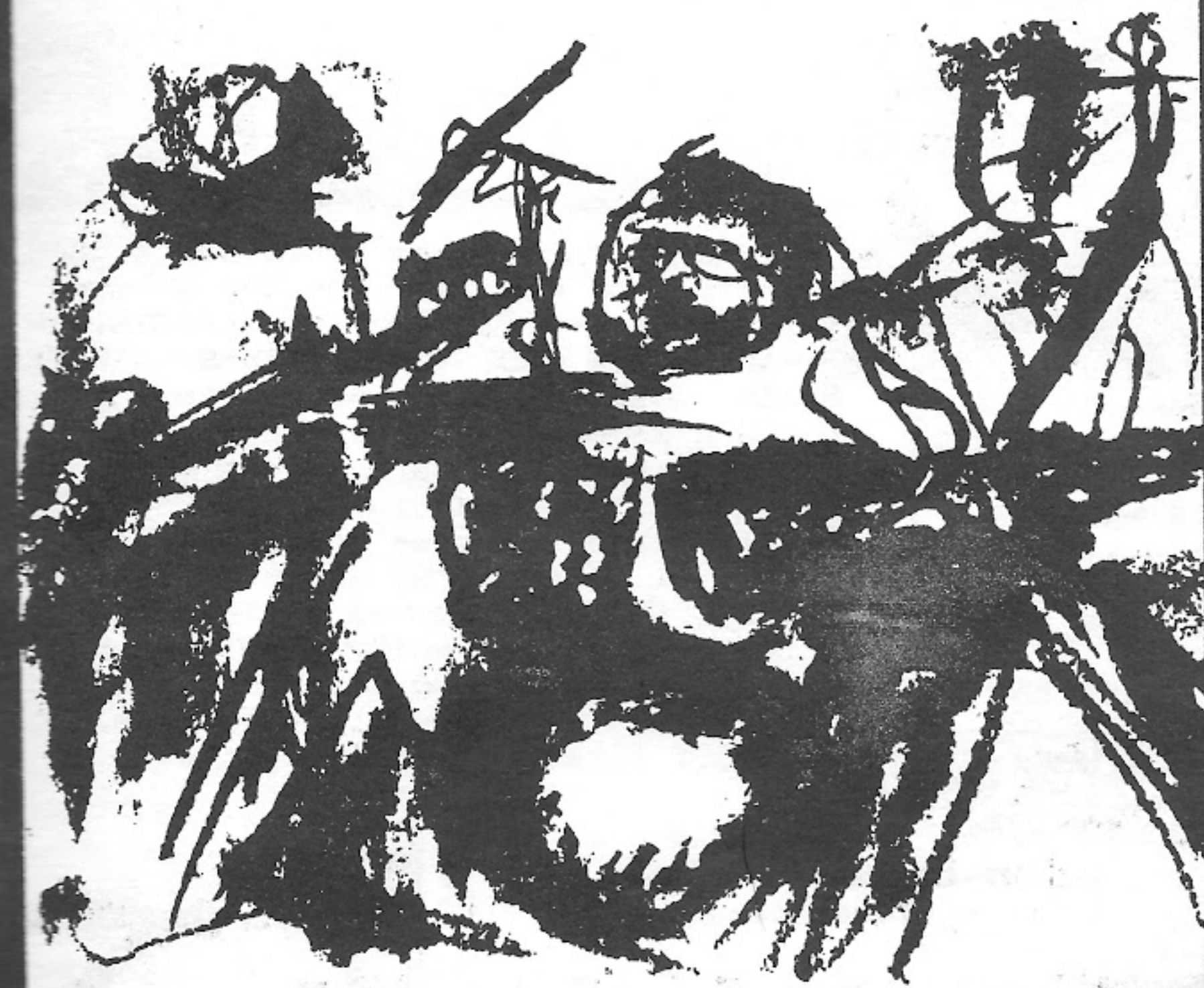
**63 EYES**, made up of former members of the LARRIES and present members of the LARRIES while that band works things out....this tape is one of my favorite releases of the year. I won't narrow their material down to a Punk slot, cause it's just great Rock and Roll to these ears. Nasty, loud, and fun... the way I like it. Every song is a gem of composition drawing on many influences but so damn down-home I couldn't see why anyone wouldn't be totally bowled over by any groove. This isn't a demo tape with just a few good songs...this is a real accomplishment... two sides of great listening that will make you eager to hear more. Yep...almost Heaven! 206 7th St./ Vienna, WV. 26105





# FULL FATHOM FIVE

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Another double debut, as SOUTH EAST RECORDS and FULL FATHOM FIVE team up to put Iowa in the "happenin'" column. If this EP is any indication ...I'm listening! Most of this 4 song EP has that indie-Punky flavor I'd associate with groups like HUSKER DÜ, THE NEATS, or MISSION OF BURMA. Ie; it would appeal to a wide range of alternative tastes but you're not gonna find your little sister running around with a FF5 bandana tied around her neck. The highlight of this disc, also turned out to be one of the top 10 items that I've covered in this entire issue. A song called "Why Their Faces Are So Worn". It starts off like a spooky/moody LEONARD COHEN thing, then totally blasts right off the fuckin' vinyl as monstrous guitar chording (provided by ERIC MELCHER) (yay Eric!) rings like the Bells of Hell in Mammoth Caverns. YEEEEOW! CRANK THIS SUCKER TO THE MAX!. Well, maybe I'm getting a little carried away here,,but,, when they do....this'll be a good tag-along. Inquire about this one.



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# The Selves

**THE SELVES ARE:**  
MIKE REILLY...Guitar/Voc.  
PAUL FISHER...Lead Guitar  
GEORGE VARGO...Drums  
PETE FOSTER...Bass

The SELVES are a difficult band to pin down. The Pop slot has no backing and lazy descriptions keep falling thru. This self-titled EP knocks on a lot of doors in various musical neighborhoods. From the funky rhythms of "What Is It", to the folky strums in "Elusive", right down to the fuzzy grunge of WIRE's "Feeling Called Love" we're hearing a variety of talent tastefully performed, resulting in a very comfortable production who's energy nicely compliments the moods of the songs. At a time when too many bands feel they have to have vinyl a week after their first rehearsal, it's a pleasure to tune into a well crafted product that doesn't reek of superstar pomp. Singer/Guitarist MIKE REILLY's lyrics seem to revolve around an off-balance love that is personal, untouchable, and rather lonely; lines like "She is a snake, but it's a lonely den" and "...the phone never rings" won't make their way to the Hallmark catalog fast, but like the music it's self, it's the dare-devil approach that makes R&R the stanger we'll open the doors to. And I guess that speaks for the nature of our-SELVES.

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ROSS ARCHER...Drums/Voc.  
71 Grand St.  
Albany, NY. 12202

DIRTY FACE is an Albany, NY. based band with a very healthy dose of self confidence and optimism in their future. For example: this quote taken from an interview in the BUZZ (Albany music rag) concerning other bands in the Albany area... "We're the only band who plays original Rock'N'Roll that's not trendy for purposes of selling". A fairly heavy statement there that would normally place this review in the SPORTS column...if I had one. DIRTY FACE points to the REPLACEMENTS and U2 as influences, only the latter of which comes thru on this

recording. I think they're too self-conscious to approach a REPLACEMENT aura. (if that's possible) Guitarist/vocalist DOMINICK CAMPANA seems to run the show here. Being a guitarist myself, I was immediately drawn to some very exciting playing in "Understand" that...yes...is worthy of pride and praise. A solid rhythm section is no less deserving mention. One funny note; Dominick's voice sounds like a new wave Jerry Garcia (yuk-yuk...really it does!) "Carousel" is a moody Pop song that is...."nice"...ya know... (ZZzzzz)... I'd be very interested in seeing this band live. 2 songs ain't enough



Well, I'm inclined to take the easy way out on this disc...seems a bit odd to write up a band that doesn't exist anymore...but since we're talking 'bout the LP here..... Another Albany (ex)based band that mentions the REPLACEMENTS as influence. (more probably BEER!)...let's just say if one were to scan the

"THANKS" insert, he would get a good indication of what's on the grooves. To mention a few: MOVING TARGETS, NEW PARTS FROM OLD, VOLCANO SUNS, MINUTE-MEN...get the picture. Add to this, the name GERARD COSLOY on the LP sleeve and you start to get the picture. Needless to say, fans of this school know we're talking crucial stuff here. Guitarist/voc; STEVE SMITH has moved on into SALEM 60...and folks who enjoy them will no doubt find EXPANDO BRAIN a welcome addition to their collection. As for me...I like it, but I can't say why. Must be the brew.

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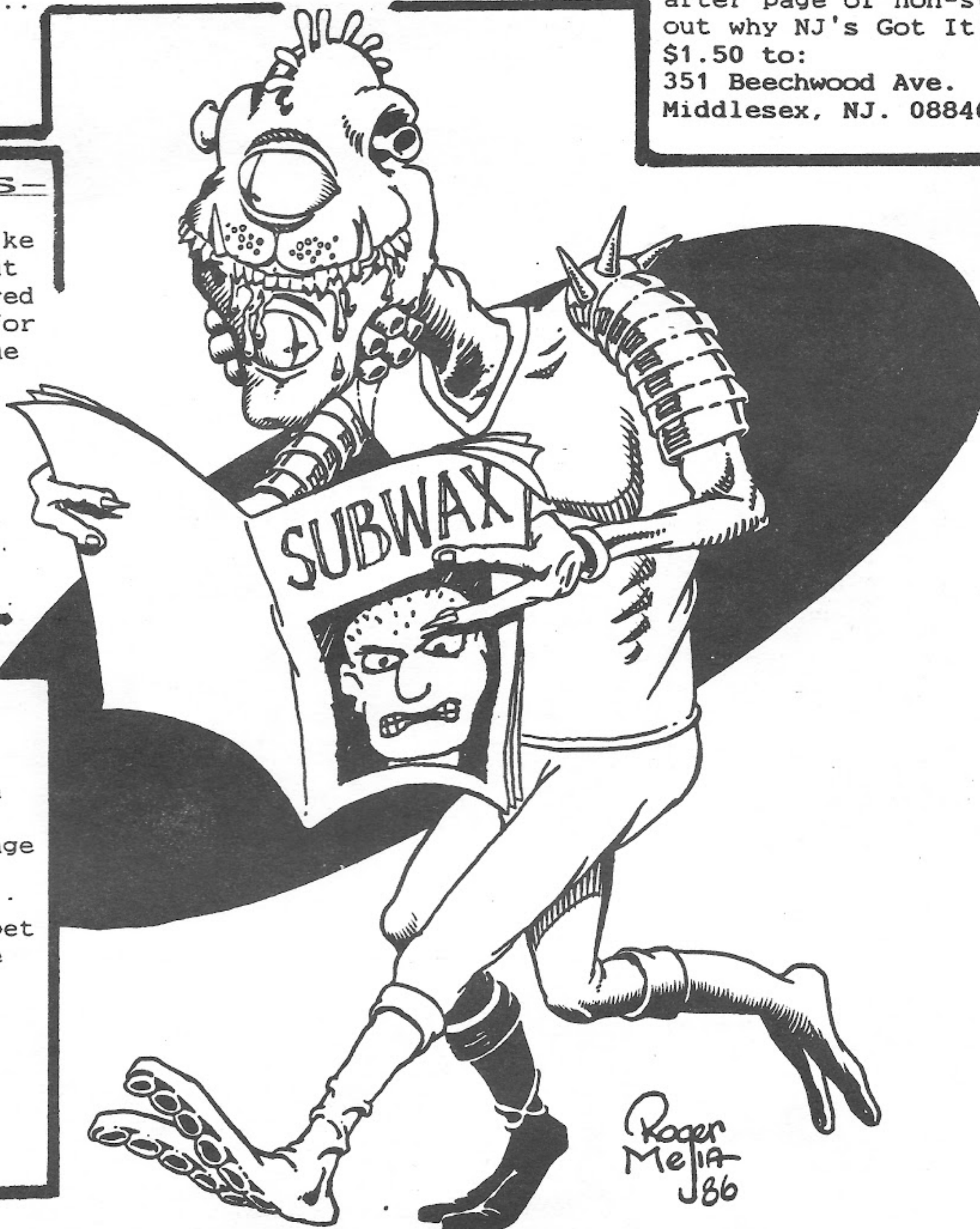
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Well, this is the OCTOBER issue, so you can see I'm a little behind here...but I'm so impressed with this all-hand-drawn publication that it'd be a crime to let it go without honorable mention. Sometimes I get the feeling that editor Chris Francz is suffering from cabin fever, or an acute addiction to Ray Pettibone/Black Flag gloominess...but beyond that first impression there is a lot of activity in thought and drawings that will appeal to your own "Shut In". DAMAGED is an Art fanzine, so you won't find page after page of reviews, etc...but your eyes will bleed via cool artwork by Chris Francz, Terry Bishop and Jim Kazanjian. At the time of this writing, Chris is probably buried under @4' of snow, so drop him a line and ask about getting a copy no price (send some stuff/stamps) P.O. Box 317  
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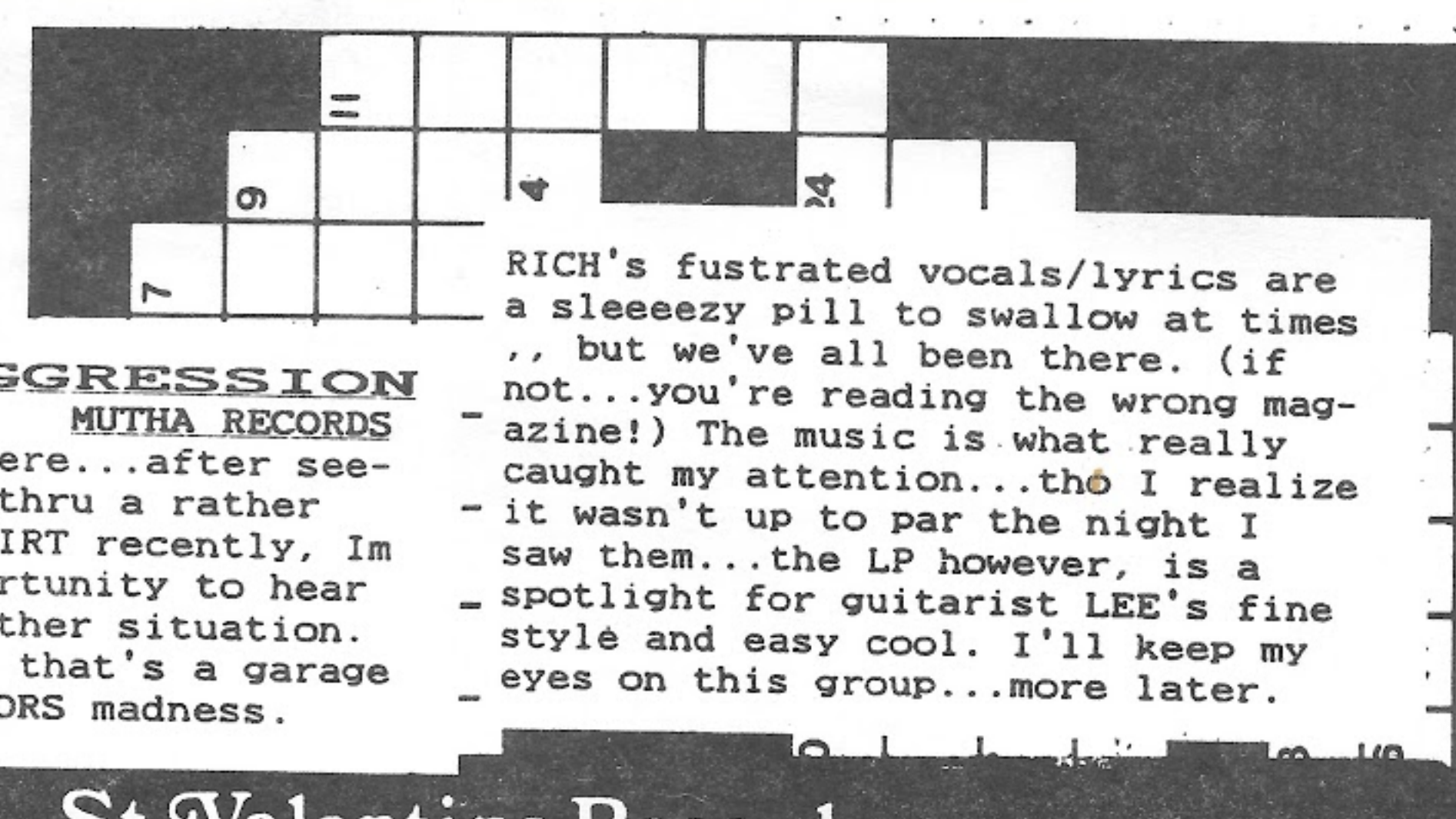
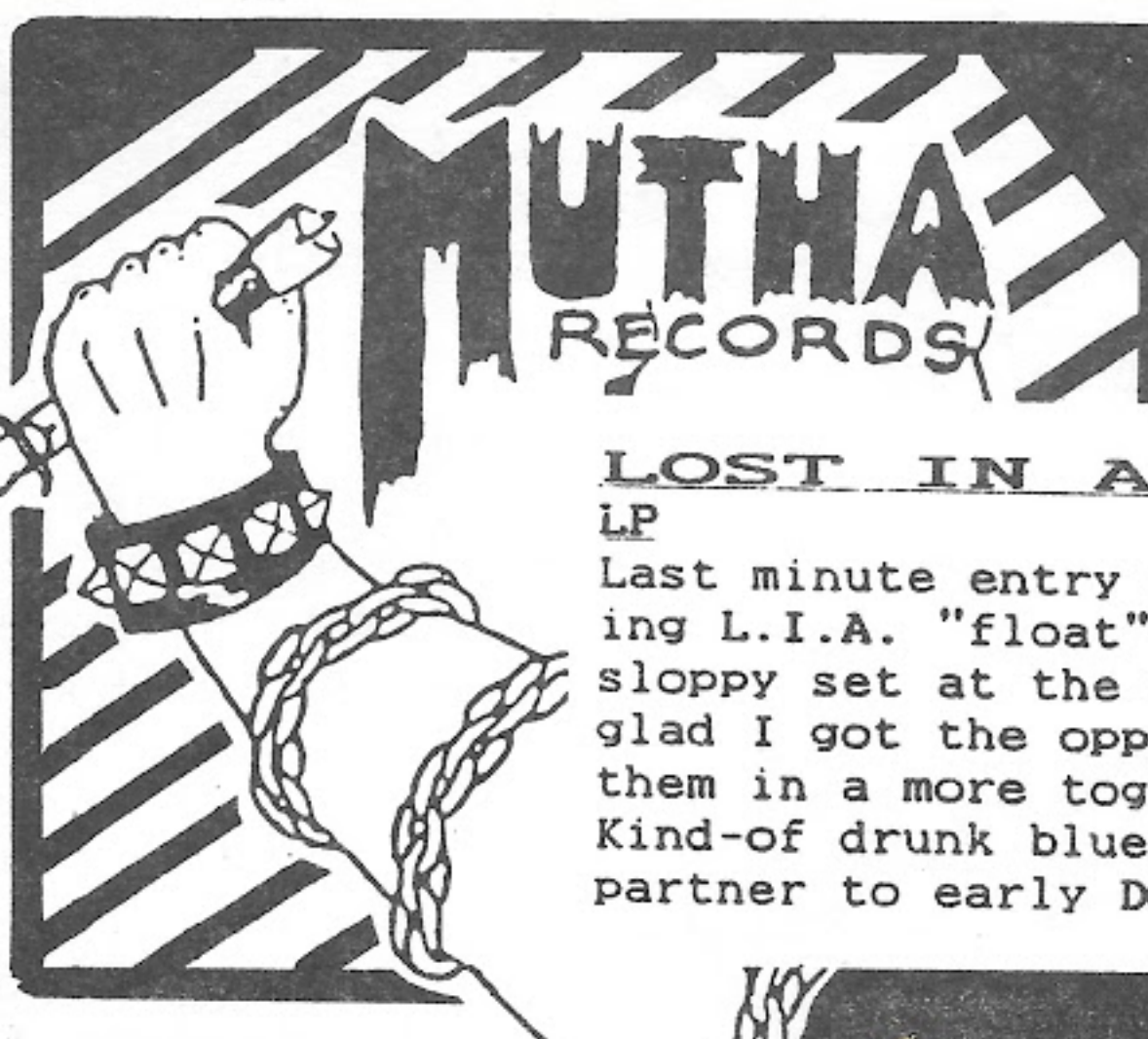
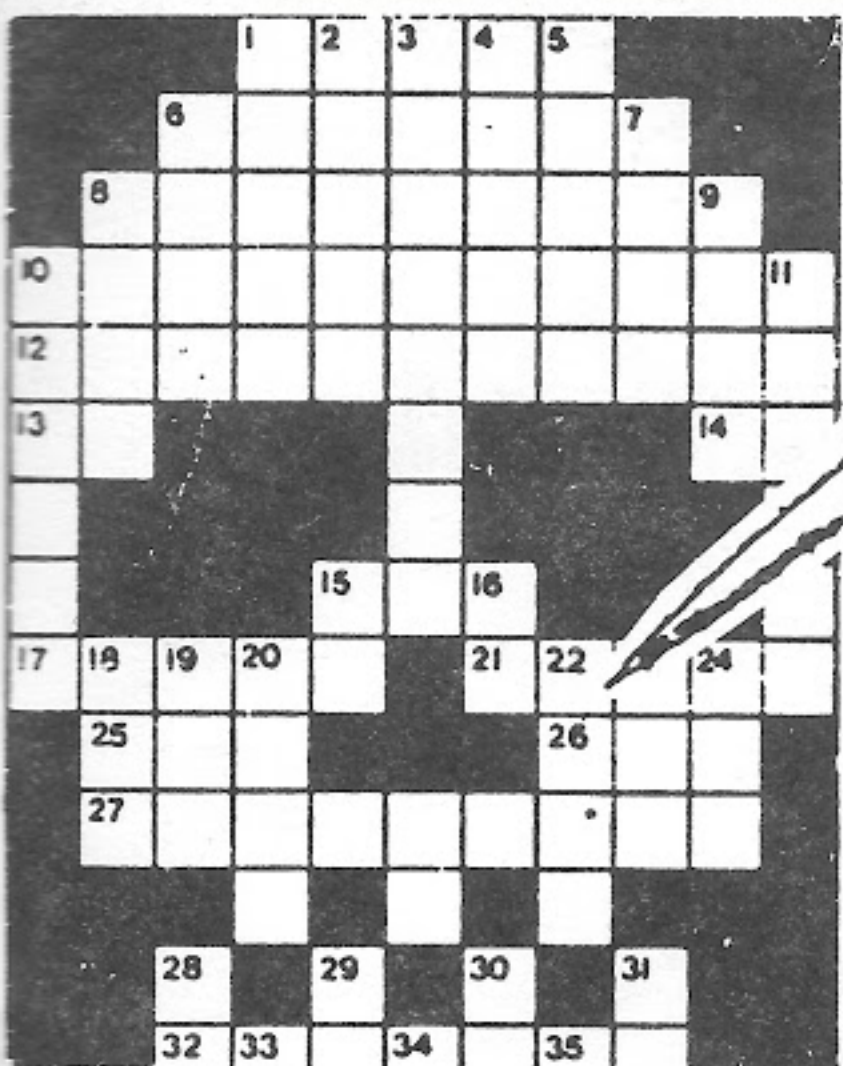
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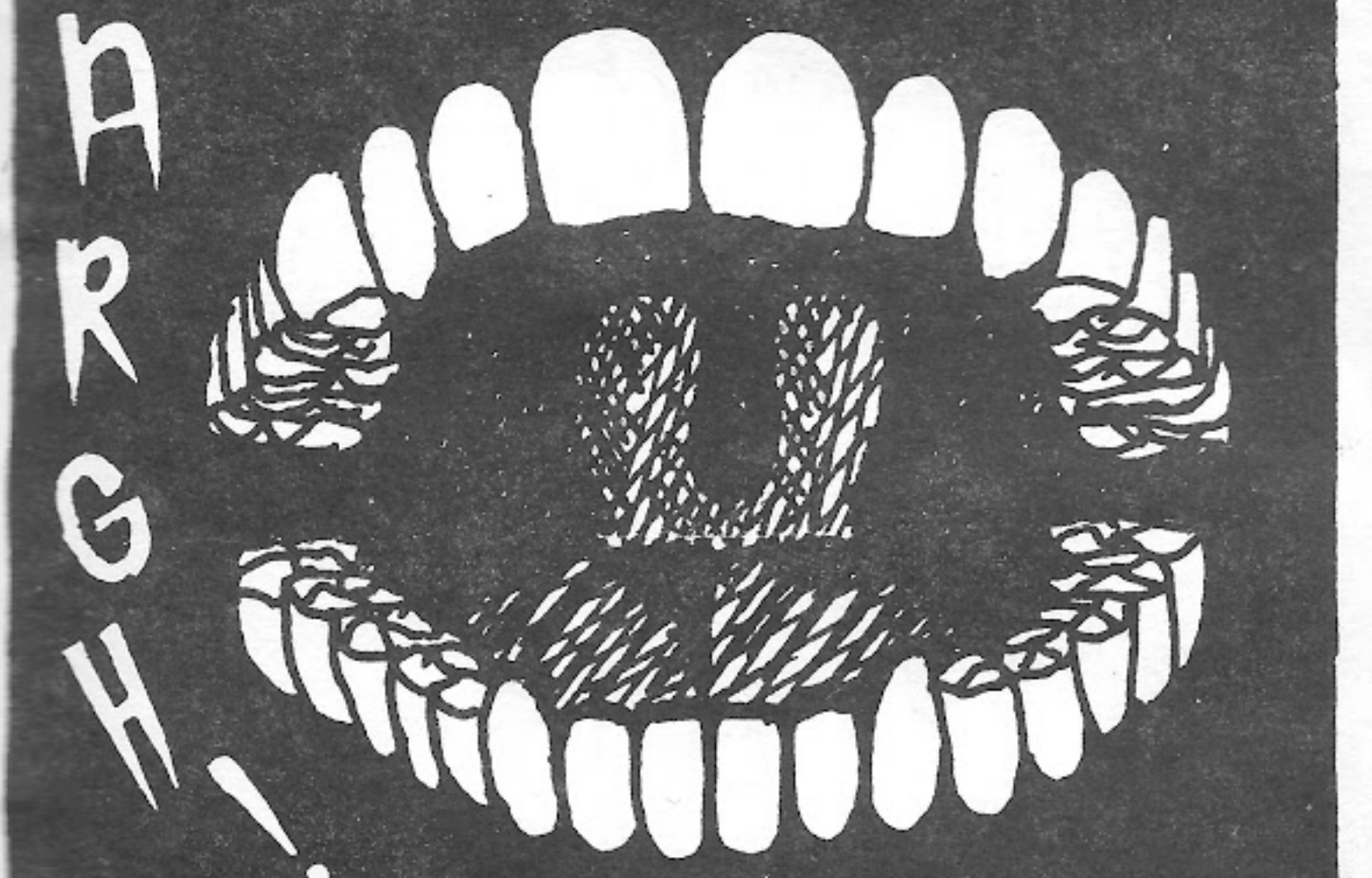




**LOST IN AGGRESSION**  
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 Last minute entry here...after seeing L.I.A. "float" thru a rather sloppy set at the DIRT recently, I'm glad I got the opportunity to hear them in a more together situation. Kind-of drunk blues that's a garage partner to early DOORS madness.

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### FAITH #2

This issue was done quite a while ago, and editor Jonathan LeVine is working on #3 which may be available now. A very brilliantly put together zine that's graphicly as cool as it's contents. Interviews with X-MEN, A.O.D., CIRCLE OF SHIT, SOCIAL DECAY, and more spotlight another reason why "Jersey's got it!". Jonathan's got a clear head on his shoulder and does a lot to make the local scene work, as you will notice in his NJ Scene Reports for MR&R. FAITH also has a cassette comp avail called "Blasting out of New Jersey" for a mild price of \$3.00 which is great for 31 cuts by 16 bands garden grown. In the near future you can also look for a second comp, as well as a 7" vinyl comp with 6 bands on it. Active stuff going on here....be there, or be nowhere. Check it out. \$1.00 to: P.O. box 7235/Trenton, NJ. 08628

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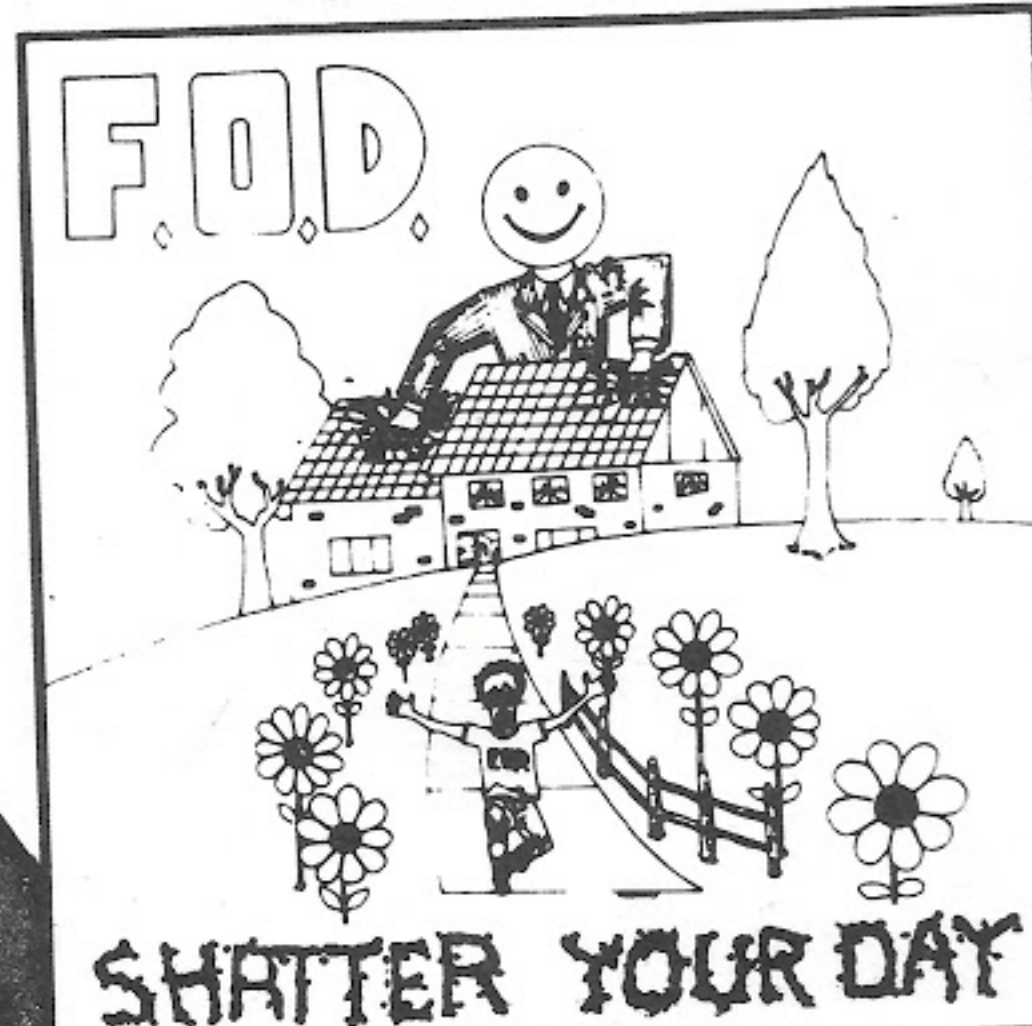
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